IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

KOCH FOODS OF ALABAMA, LLC,)	
an Alabama limited liability company,)	Case No. 07-cv-522-MHT
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Plaintiff and Counterclaim-defendant,)	
)	Honorable Myron H. Thompson
v.)	
)	Honorable Terry F. Moorer
GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL)	
CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,)	
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Defendant and Counterclaim-plaintiff.)	

MOTION IN LIMINE TO EXCLUDE ROBERT BREAKSTONE'S TESTIMONY, TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE REGARDING OTHER LITIGATION, AND TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE OF CONVERSION OF THE SPIRAL FREEZER

Plaintiff and Counterclaim-Defendant, Koch Foods of Alabama, LLC ("Koch"), through its undersigned counsel, moves this court for the entry of an order *in limine*: (a) excluding any testimony by Mr. Robert Breakstone under Rules 701 or 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence (the "Rules") regarding the value of certain equipment, which is the center of this litigation; (b) excluding evidence regarding prior litigation between a Koch's affiliate and a GECC affiliate; and (c) excluding testimony or evidence regarding any alleged conversion by Koch of the spiral freezer that is not the subject of this litigation. In support its motion, Koch states as follows:

I. BREAKSTONE EXPERT REPORT.

A. Introduction.

In December 2005, Defendant and Counterclaim Plaintiff, General Electric Capital Corporation ("GECC") and Sylvest Farms, Inc. entered into an equipment lease, under which Sylvest leased certain chick deboning cone lines (the "Deboner"), a spiral freezer (the "Freezer," collectively with the Deboner, the "Equipment"), and two Ossid shrink wrap lines. In April

2006, Sylvest filed for bankruptcy protection. In May 2006, Koch purchased substantially all of Sylvest's assets, including the facility where the Equipment were located.

In this litigation, GECC asserted a counterclaim that Koch converted the Deboner. On October 1, 2007, GECC served Koch with a document titled "Expert Report of Robert Breakstone for General Electric Capital Corporation In the Matter of Koch Foods of Alabama. LLC v. General Electric Capital Corporation, Case No. 07 C 522, October 1, 2007," pursuant to Section 8 of the Uniform Scheduling Order and Rule 26(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of the Civil Procedure. The complete document is attached hereto is **Exhibit A** ("Breakstone Rep.").

The document consists of two appraisal reports. The first report is dated June 8, 2006 ("June 2006 Appraisal Report"), which contain appraisals of the Deboner, the Freezer, and the two Ossid shrink wrap lines as of May 16, 2006 using three valuation methods: "Costs as Shown by Invoices," "Fair Market Value - Remove," and "Orderly Liquidation Value." The second report is dated September 27, 2007 ("September 2007 Appraisal Report"), which contains valuations of the Deboner and the Freezer as of September 24, 2007 using three valuation methods: "Fair Market – Remove," "Orderly Liquidation Value," and "Fair Market Value – In Place as of Day One Year One."

Koch anticipates that GECC will attempt to offer into evidence or to elicit opinion testimony from Mr. Robert Breakstone regarding the value of the Deboner and the Freezer. In fact, GECC argued in its summary judgment brief that the value of the Equipment should be measured based on Mr. Breakstone's appraisal reports. However, any testimony from Mr. Breakstone regarding the value of the Equipment must be excluded because the appraisals are untruthful and unreliable, and Mr. Breakstone has no personal knowledge regarding the Equipment.

B. This Court must exclude Mr. Breakstone's expert testimony under Rule 702 because his appraisals are based on untrue assumptions and his application of the valuation methods is untruthful and unreliable.

This Court is charged to act as a gatekeeper to exclude unreliable expert testimony. *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993). An expert's opinion testimony is admissible only if the proponent of the testimony can show that "(1) the testimony is based upon sufficient facts or data, (2) the testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods, and (3) the witness has applied the principles and methods reliably to the facts of the case." Fed. R. Evid. 702.

The Supreme Court in *Daubert* set forth a list of non-exclusive factors for this Court to use in assessing the reliability of expert testimony: (1) whether the expert's technique or theory can be or has been tested – that is, whether the expert's theory can be challenged in some objective sense, or whether it is instead simply a subjective, conclusory approach that cannot reasonably be assessed for reliability; (2) whether the technique or theory has been subject to peer review and publication; (3) the known or potential rate of error of the technique or theory when applied; and (4) whether the technique or theory has been generally accepted in the scientific community. *McDowell v. Brown*, 392 F.3d 1283, 1298 (11th Cir. 2004).

Here, the facts and data that Mr. Breakstone relied on are insufficient and untrue. Moreover, his application of the valuation methods directly contradicts undisputed facts in this case. Applying the requirements of Rule 702 and the *Daubert* test, this Court, therefore, must exclude his expert testimony regarding the value of the Equipment.

1. Mr. Breakstone's opinion testimony must be excluded because his opinions are based upon insufficient, untrue assumptions.

Mr. Breakstone's expert testimony must be excluded because his opinions regarding the value of the Equipment are based on insufficient, untrue assumptions. First, Mr. Breakstone

never personally inspected the Equipment. In May 2006, Daniel Nicoson conducted an on-site inspection of the Equipment. Mr. Breakstone prepared and finalized his June 2006 Appraisal Report merely by consulting certain notes and photographs that Mr. Nicoson made during and following the inspection. (Ex. A, Breakstone Rep. at 2).

Similarly, in September 2006, Mr. Nicoson and Mr. Jim Lott conducted an on-site inspection of the Equipment. Again, Mr. Breakstone did not personally inspect the equipment. He merely prepared his September 2007 Appraisal Report by consulting certain notes and photographs that Messrs. Nicoson and Lott made during and following the inspection. (Ex. A, Breakstone Rep. at 2).

Second, in his report, Breakstone stated that "Fair Market Value – In Place as of Day One Year One" was the "Fair Market Value – In Place" as of "the actual installation and operational date in Spring 2006." (Ex A, September 2007 Appraisal at Page 2 of 7). This assumption about the installation and operational date of the Equipment is completely false. The undisputed evidence in this case showed that the Deboner actually began operation in January 2006 and the Freezer was never completely installed, let alone operational. *See* Deposition Transcript of Dave Bromley (p40:14-17; p42:14-18), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. Moreover, Messrs. Nicosan and Lott only inspected the Equipment in May 2006 and September 2007 and, thus, has no knowledge about the Equipment in Spring 2006. As a result, Mr. Breakstone's opinions about the value of the Equipment on the "operational date in Spring 2006" was based on untrue assumptions.

In fact, Mr. Breakstone did not even spend sufficient time and effort to investigate the status of the Equipment that he was appraising. His lack of investigation is demonstrated by the following excerpt from the deposition transcript of Mr. William Wilson, who is the litigation

specialist at GECC responsible for this case.

- Q. Did you or anybody on GE's behalf ever ask Koch if they were using the freezer?
- A. Yes, we did. I think we asked I'm sure we asked Bob Breakstone in his appraisal if it was being used.
- Q. What did Bob Breakstone say?
- A. He wasn't sure. It was like it could go either way, yes or no, whether it was being used or not used. The answer he gave me is that he was not able to tell if it was being used or not used.
- Q. Did he say if he ever asked anybody?
- A. No, I don't remember that. If you thought it was important enough to ask Mr. Breakstone if the freezer was being used, and he didn't know, did you then make any effort yourself or ask somebody else from GE to make an effort to find out if the freezer was being used?
- A. Yes, we did, and I don't recall the specifics, but I do recall we did find out at some point that the freezer was in another part of the building at the plant and that that area was rarely being used. So we might have assumed at the time at that point that it wasn't being used, that it was still at the location.

Wilson Deposition (pp 45:3-46:2), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

Mr. Wilson's testimony showed that Mr. Breakstone did not know whether the spiral freezer was being used or not. Despite the fact that he did not personally inspect the Equipment, and the fact that he did not bother to investigate whether the Freezer was being used or not, he went on and authored his opinion about the value of the Equipment. He especially authored an opinion about the value of the Equipment with an operational status, which is untruthful due to his lack of investigation. Not only does his careless conduct cause his opinion to be untruthful and unreliable, someone may also contend that his valuation is reckless or deceptive.

2. Mr. Breakstone's application of his valuation methods directly contradicts the undisputed facts in this case.

Mr. Breakstone's valuation is inflated and unreliable because his application of the valuation methods directly contradicts the undisputed facts in this case. First, Breakstone valued

the Equipment's "Fair Market Value – In Place as of Day One Year One" at \$1,398,067.50. (Ex A, September 2007 Appraisal Report, Page 4 of 4). This value is about \$157,395 more than the Equipment's capital costs, \$1,240,672.50, which also include the installation costs. (Ex A, September 2007 Appraisal Report, Page 4 of 4). Mr. Breakstone's valuation means, by putting the Equipment into Koch's facility, the Equipment had been appreciating rather than depreciating over time. In other words, simply by putting the Equipment into Koch's facility, GECC can make a profit of \$157,395 plus the rents paid by Sylvest (or about 20% of the Equipment's capital costs) in a period of four months.

Common sense is that the Equipment will depreciate over time. In fact, Mr. Breakstone's report lists depreciation as a factor in calculating the value of the Equipment. (Ex. A, September 2007 Appraisal Report, Page 3 of 7). In applying his valuation methods to the Equipment, not only did Mr. Breakstone completely ignore any depreciation of the Equipment, but he actually made the Equipment appreciate more than 20% over three months. As a result, his application of the valuation methods is not only unreliable, but also untruthful.

Furthermore, Mr. Breakstone in his report claims that his "Sales Comparison" approach "involves analyzing recent sales of properties that are similar to the subject property." (Ex. A, September 2007 Appraisal Report, Page 3 of 7). Based on this approach, Mr. Breakstone valued the "Fair Market Value" of the Freezer at \$240,000 as of September 2007 and \$280,000 as of May 2006. Mr. Breakstone defines "Fair Market Value" as "a result of a transaction between a willing buyer and willing seller, with no time limitation to sell." (Ex. A, September 2007 Appraisal Report, Page 2 of 7).

First, these valuations of the Freezer are mere conclusory statements. Mr. Breakstone did not provide any data about the number of sales which he had compared and how the assets in

those sales were different from the Freezer. Because no data supports his conclusion based on the "Sales Comparison" approach, his opinions regarding the fair market value cannot be subject to objective test or peer review for purpose of examining their reliability. *See Daubert*, 509 U.S.at 593. Consequently, his subjective, conclusory opinions about the Equipment based on "Sales Comparison" approach fails the *Daubert* test.

Second, the result of his "Fair Market" valuation based on the "Sales Comparison" approach directly contradicts the undisputed facts in this case. Here, GECC, the putative owner of the Freezer under no time pressure, entered into a contract to sell the Freezer to Mr. Michael Leonard for \$50,000, while Mr. Breakstone opined that a prudent, willing buyer would purchase the Freezer for between \$240,000 and \$280,000.

In May 2007, which was a time between Mr. Breakstone's June 2006 appraisal and September 2007 appraisal, GECC entered into a contract with Mr. Leonard, under which GECC would sell him the Freezer for \$50,000. *See* Deposition Transcript of Joseph DiSalvo (p73:3-25), which is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. GECC even cashed the \$5,000 deposit check from Mr. Leonard. (Ex. D, p72:19). The amount of \$50,000 is the true fair market value of the Freezer, based on what a fully-informed willing seller would sell to a fully-informed willing buyer without time pressure.

GECC canceled the sale and refunded Mr. Leonard's deposit only after counsel for Koch pointed out the huge difference between Breakstone's appraisal and the sale price. According to the testimony of GECC's own remarketing team leader, Mr. DiSalvo, the transaction was canceled not because "the price was too low," but because "we couldn't accept it because of a pending lawsuit." (Ex. D, DiSalvo Transcript 35:22-24).

In sum, Mr. Breakstone's expert testimony will not meet the requirements under Rule 702, because his appraisals were based on untrue facts by incorrectly assuming that the Equipment was operational in Spring 2006, because he unreliably and untruthfully applied the valuation method leading to the appreciation of the Equipment by 20% in three months, and because his appraisals, while claiming to be a result from what a willing buyer would buy from a willing seller, are actually about five times the amount for which a willing buyer would actually purchase from a willing buyer. Because Mr. Breakstone's appraisals fail to meet the requirements of Rule 702, and actually will mislead a jury, this Court must exclude Mr. Breakstone's expert testimony.

3. Mr. Breakstone's opinion testimony must be excluded under Rule 403 because its prejudicial effect substantially outweighs its probative value, if any.

Even if Mr. Breakstone's testimony meets the requirements of Rule 702, this Court must preclude his testimony under Rule 403. Because of powerful and potentially misleading effect of expert evidence, sometimes expert opinions that otherwise meet admissibility requirements may still be excluded, where probative value of evidence is substantially outweighed by its potential to confuse or mislead jury. *U.S. v. Frazier*, 387 F.3d 1244 (11th Cir. 2004).

Breakstone's testimony will undoubtedly mislead the jury because his opinions are based on untrue facts, defy common-sense, and directly contradict the undisputed facts in this case. On the other hand, his opinion has little probative value for the same reasons. Accordingly, his opinion testimony must be excluded under Rule 403.

4. This Court must exclude Breakstone's lay opinion testimony under Rule 701 because he has no personal knowledge regarding the Equipment.

This Court must also bar Mr. Robert Breakstone from testifying as a lay witness under Rule 701 because he has no personal knowledge about the Equipment. Rule 701 allows a lay

witness to testify in the form of opinions or inferences that are rationally based on the perception of the witness and not based on specialized knowledge.

If Mr. Breakstone testify as a lay witness, the testimony must emanate from his personal experience. Here, Mr. Breakstone did not personally inspect the Equipment, he only consulted the notes and photographs made by Nicoson and Lott, which are inadmissible hearsay. Accordingly, Mr. Breakstone should be barred from offering any lay opinion testimony.

In conclusion, Mr. Breakstone's expert testimony is unreliable and misleading and, thus, inadmissible under Rule 702. In addition, the misleading effect of his opinions substantially outweighs their probative value, and, therefore, his testimony must be excluded under Rule 403. Because Mr. Breakstone has no personal knowledge of the Equipment, he cannot offer any lay opinion testimony regarding the value of the Equipment.

WHEREFORE, Koch requests that this Court enter an order *in limine* excluding any testimony by Mr. Breakstone regarding the value of the Equipment.

II. EVIDENCE REGARDING OTHER LITIGATION BETWEEN KOCH AND GECC.

Koch anticipates that GECC may elicit testimony or make reference to evidence regarding prior litigation between a Koch's affiliate and a GECC's affiliate over equipment that the Koch's affiliate purchased from the bankruptcy estate of B. C. Rogers in Mississippi (the "Mississippi Litigation").

The Mississippi litigation involved two cases: General Electric Capital Business Asset Funding Corporation vs. Koch Foods of Mississippi, LLC, et al, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson Division, Case No. 3:04CV746 and General Electric Capital Business Asset Funding Corporation vs. Ken Lefoldt, Liquidating Trustee, Koch Foods of Mississippi, LLC, et al, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson Division, Adversary Proceeding No. 04-159. Koch Foods of Mississippi, LLC ("Koch Mississippi") and General Electric Capital Business Asset Funding Corporation ("GE BAF") settled these two cases and agreed "to keep strictly confidential and not to disclose either the terms, fact, or the amount of this settlement."

Evidence of the prior litigation between Koch Mississippi and GE BAF is irrelevant under Rule 401. Under Rule 401, evidence is relevant only if it has a "tendency to make the existence of any fact that is of consequence to the determination of the action more probable or less probable than it would be without the evidence." *U.S. v. Merrill*, 513 F.3d 1293, 1301 (11th Cir. 2008). Furthermore, Rule 403 provides that relevant evidence may be excluded if "its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, or misleading the jury, or by considerations of undue delay, waste of time, or needless presentation of cumulative evidence." *Id.*

The Mississippi Litigation, involving different facts and circumstances and different

parties, does nothing more than invade the province of the jury and interject irrelevant information into their fact finding process. No aspect of the Mississippi Litigation relates to or touches upon the questions that the jury must now address. Neither the history nor circumstances of the Mississippi Litigation has any bearing or relevance to the issues in this case. In other words, the Mississippi Litigation, which involved totally different facts, does not make the existence of any fact in this case more or less probable, and is, therefore, inherently irrelevant. Accordingly, any reference or comment to the Mississippi Litigation is of no probative value.

On the other hand, any reference or comment to the Mississippi Litigation poses a great danger of unfair prejudicial effect because the jury would think Koch has a habit of taking GECC's leased equipment. Put it in another way, any reference to the Mississippi Litigation would be as unfairly prejudicial as Koch wanting to introduce evidence that it has never been sued by anyone else claiming that it converted their leased equipment. Accordingly, any evidence regarding the Mississippi Litigation must be excluded under Rules 402 and 403.

WHEREFORE, Koch requests that this Court enter an order *in limine* excluding any reference and comment to the Mississippi Litigation between the Koch Mississippi and GE BAF.

III. EVIDENCE REGARDING CONVERSION OF THE SPIRAL FREEZER.

Koch anticipates that GECC will make an argument that Koch converted the Freezer by claiming the ownership of the Freezer. However, this Court must exclude any testimony or evidence regarding any alleged conversion by Koch of the spiral freezer because GECC never asserted a conversion claim for the Freezer in its counterclaim.

On June 13, 2007, GECC filed its answer and counterclaim. A copy of the answer and counterclaim is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**. In its counterclaim, GECC asserted a single count of "Conversion of the Equipment by Koch Foods" against Koch (Ex E, Answer and Counterclaim, at 7 and at 8 ¶16). GECC defined "the Equipment" in its counterclaim as "Model 2006 de-boner with double cone lure, product conveyors, and loading bin; serial number 36019-01A; manufactured by D&F Equipment Sales; and having a capitalized lessor's cost of \$846,545.00." (Ex. E, 6 ¶4). Clearly, GECC's counterclaim did not assert conversion of the spiral freezer.

In fact, GECC's reply brief in support of its summary judgment motion admitted that its counterclaim did not make any reference to the spiral freezer. *See* page 11 of GECC's reply brief in support of its summary judgment motion, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**. Nonetheless, GECC argued that GECC's conversion claim extends to the spiral freezer under Rule 15(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (Ex. F at 11). Rule 15(b) allows a party to conform its pleadings to the evidence once trial begins. Not only has trial not begun, and thus Rule 15(b) is inapplicable, GECC never sought to amend its pleading to add the claim for conversion of the Freezer and thus has never pleaded any facts on which to receive relief.

Therefore, whether Koch converted the Freezer is not a question before the jury. Koch anticipates that GECC will attempt to introduce evidence regarding the conversion of the

Freezer. Under Rule 401, evidence is relevant only if it has a "tendency to make the existence of any fact that is of consequence to the determination of the action more probable or less probable than it would be without the evidence." U.S. v. Merrill, 513 F.3d 1293, 1301 (11th Cir. 2008).

Because GECC never asserted a conversion claim for the Freezer, the evidence about conversion of the Freezer will be inherently irrelevant. Not only irrelevant, the evidence about conversion of the Freezer will confuse the jury about the issues of the case.

Under Rule 403, evidence, even if relevant, may be excluded if "its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, or misleading the jury, or by considerations of undue delay, waste of time, or needless presentation of cumulative evidence." Because evidence about conversion of the Freezer has no probative value to prove any issue and confuses the jury about the issues of the case, this Court must exclude any evidence regarding the conversion of the Freezer.

WHEREFORE, Koch requests that this Court enter an order in limine excluding any evidence or comment that Koch also converted the Freezer.

Dated: March 31, 2008 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFCATE OF SERVICE

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Exhibit A

EXPERT REPORT

OF

ROBERT BREAKSTONE

FOR

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION

IN THE MATTER OF

KOCH FOODS OF ALABAMA, LLC V. GENERAL ELECTRIC **CAPITAL CORPORATION**

CASE NO. 07 C 522

October 1, 2007

I. **Statement of Opinions**

The opinions on which my testimony will be based are provided in the (a) Appraisal Valuation Report of Sylvest Farms, prepared May 2006, and (b) Appraisal Valuation Report of Sylvest Farms, prepared September 2007 (collectively, the "Appraisal Reports"), copies of which are appended hereto, and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully in this Report.

II. **Bases for Opinions**

The bases for my opinions are provided in the Appraisal Reports.

III. **Information Considered in Forming Opinions**

In May 2006, Daniel Nicoson of Equipment Exchange Co. of America, Inc. conducted an on-site inspection of the equipment which is referenced in the Appraisal Reports. During and following this inspection he prepared certain notes and made certain photographs which I consulted in preparing and finalizing the Appraisal Reports. In addition, Mr. Nicosion consulted with me and provided information regarding the preparation and finalization of the Appraisal Report dated June 2006.

In September 2007, Mr. Nicoson and Jim Lott of Mechanical Services Company conducted an on-site inspection of the equipment which is referenced in the Appraisal Report dated September 2007. During and following the inspection they prepared certain notes and made certain photographs which I consulted in preparing and finalizing the Appraisal Reports. In addition, Messrs. Nicoson and Lott consulted with me and provided information regarding the preparation and finalization of the Appraisal Report dated September 2007.

In addition, I have approximately twenty-five (25) years of industry experience purchasing and selling machinery which assisted in the formulation of my opinions as expressed in the Appraisal Reports. In addition, I reviewed certain of the documents produced by Koch in its document production, including vendor quotes and invoices and underlying lease documentation, which assisted in my opinions.

IV. Exhibits to be Used as a Summary or Support

I plan to use all or portions of the Appraisal Reports as a summary of my opinions. I plan to use the photographs included in the Appraisal Reports as support for my opinions.

V. **Qualifications of the Witness**

Employment A.

Senior Appraiser at Equipment Exchange Co. of America, Inc. Lake City, Pennsylvania (1982 to Present)

B. Publications Within the Preceding Ten Years

None

C. Education

Mercyhurst College, in Erie, Pennsylvania, B.A. in Business Administration, B.A.

D. **Professional Memberships and Affiliations**

Equipment Appraisers Association of North America (EAANA), Certified Senior Appraiser (CSA)

Association of Machinery and Equipment Appraisers (AMEA), Certified Equipment Appraiser (CEA)

American Society of Appraisers (ASA), Candidate Member

E. Experience

I have approximately twenty-five years of experience in the machinery and equipment appraisal business, and an equal number of years of experience purchasing and selling equipment and machinery. As part of my business, I regularly attend auctions where large machinery is sold, and I commonly record pricing data for this equipment, which is maintained in an internal database at the Equipment Exchange Co. of America, Inc. offices in order to track sales information regarding equipment and machinery.

F. Additional

In addition to the qualifications stated here, I have the qualifications attached to those portions of the Appraisal Reports entitled "Appraiser's Qualifications," which, with the rest of the Appraisal Reports, are incorporated by reference as though set forth fully in this Report.

VI. Compensation

Equipment Exchange Co. of America, Inc. and I were provided compensation in the amount of \$7,500.00, plus expenses in the amount of \$1,477.34, for the June 2006 appraisal of the equipment and preparation of the Appraisal Report dated June 2006. Equipment Exchange Co. of America, Inc. and I were provided compensation in the amount of \$6,000.00, plus expenses which have not yet been calculated at the time of this report, for the September 2007 appraisal of the equipment and preparation of the Appraisal Report dated September 2007. My compensation for study and testimony going forward shall be \$250.00 per hour.

VII. **Prior Testimony**

I provided deposition testimony in a case involving GE Capital and Koch previously pending in Mississippi. I provided opinion testimony consisting of appraisals of chicken processing equipment located in a facility in Jackson, Mississippi.

Robert Breakstone

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INSPECTION AND VALUATION OF

SYLVEST FARMS

4530 MOBILE HIGHWAY

MONTGOMERY, AL 36108
PREFORMED FOR

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORTATION COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT FINANCING

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APPRAISAL VALUATION REPORT

OF

SYLVEST FARMS 4530 MOBILE HWY MONTGOMERY, AL 36108

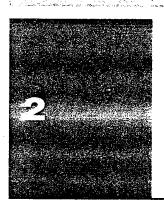
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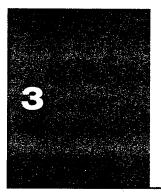




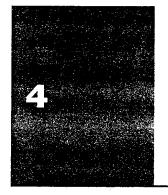
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SCHEDULE OF DETAILED INVENTORY



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APPRAISER'S QUALIFICATIONS

> **SUMMARY APPRAISAL REPORT PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

Subject - Certain Assets of:

SYLVEST FARMS **4530 MOBILE HIGHWAY** MONTGOMERY, AL 36108

For the Intended Use of:

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT FINANCING **44 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD** DANBURY, CT 06810-5105

Purpose of Appraisal

The purpose of this appraisal is to provide an independent, professional opinion of the Current Fair Market Value-Removed and Orderly Liquidation Value of certain machinery and equipment located at Sylvest Farms, 4530 Mobile Highway, Montgomery, AL. This report is intended solely for financing and business decisions of General Electric Capital Corporation and assignees. Mr. Daniel Nicoson, Vice President of Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. inspected these assets located at Sylvest Farms and Mr. Robert Breakstone, President prepared this report. The effective date of this report is May 16, 2006.

Intended Use of Appraisal

This report is intended solely for financial and business decisions of General Electric Capital Corporation for financing and business purposes and is not intended for any other use.

There are proper and improper uses for various appraisal concepts. If a particular company or individual determined that, the concept fits a particular need and therefore could use it in a way that would be improper. The American Society of Appraisers has standard definitions for concepts, each concept is specifically defined and indicates a conclusion of value. It is up to the user to determine if the defined concept is correct for its purpose. Users can certainly investigate value concepts to determine their typical and known uses and are not prohibited after their investigation to choose to adapt any known concept to their purpose as considered reasonable by their standards. The appraisal is preformed at the request of a client based upon a requested concept of value. It is not uncommon for Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. (EEC) to develop an appraisal using one or more concepts of value. Users of this report must do so with the knowledge of the defined concepts of value being utilized. If a user has any questions as to the intended use. definitions of value or defined concepts they are advised to contact the appraiser.

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Scope of Appraisal

To appraise certain personal property of the subject company located at Sylvest Farms and to arrive at certain conclusion of values under the Fair Market Value-Removed and Orderly Liquidation Value.

Highest and Best Use

The equipment was being used for the purpose as designed and engineered unless otherwise stated. It is the appraisers opinion that the equipment was being utilized: EQUIPMENT PRODUCT LINE: Sylvest Farms are producers of fresh and frozen poultry products. Equipment includes packaging, freezing, cutting or portioning equipment various material handling conveyors and transportation equipment along with support equipment. This report does not include all of the equipment and machinery, office furniture, support equipment, material handling equipment, real estate, intangible assets, ect.

Value Definitions

FAIR MARKET VALUE- REMOVED (FMV-REMOVED): The value realized from a retail sale to an end user of equipment removed from its current premises. The value is a result of a transaction between a willing buyer and willing seller, with no time limitation to sell. This value assumes the equipment is maintained according to the manufacture's recommendation and performance standards. Since a physical inspection has to be preformed, the FMV will reflect the actual condition found.

ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE (OLV): The value realized from an open market sale between a seller under time duress and a willing buyer who is an end user of the equipment. The buyer time duress is specified in Table 1 below. Both the buyer and the seller have knowledge of the use and purpose for which this equipment is adapted and for which it is capable of being used. This value also assumes the equipment will be sold "as is condition, where is location" and the buyer assumes the costs to dismantle and remove. Additionally, this value is not discounted for assembling, cleaning, security, advertising, brokerage, or other disposal costs, if any.

TABLE 1

Collateral Type	Day to sell Equipment
Transportation/Material Handling	60-90
Construction	90-120
Machine tools/Plastics/Graphic Computers/Arts/Mining/Telecom/Food/Textil e/FF&E/	120-180

Value Definitions: provided by General Electric Capital Corporation Letter of Engagement.

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Both stated value considerations represent the normal considerations for the assets being appraised. The stated values are unaffected by special or creative financing or sale considerations granted by anyone associated with a possible sale or any other special or creative terms, service fees, costs or credits.

All values stated are in United States Funds as of effective date of this report. Any users of this report must assume that the listed "OLV" is based on the fact that a qualified and experienced broker of the goods is to be used as the marketing agent. It also does not take into account any "costs to sell" that would be involved in liquidating the assets.

Approaches to Value

In complying with Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), all three accepted approaches to value must be considered.

- 1) Cost Approach: The appraiser considers the replacement cost (new) of the asset being appraised for the loss in value caused by physical deterioration, functional obsolescence, or economic obsolescence. The cost approach is based on the principle of substitution: a prudent buyer will not pay more for an asset than the cost of acquiring a substitute property of equivalent utility. In its simplest form, the cost approach is the current cost (as if new) less all depreciation.
- 2) Sales Comparison Approach: The appraiser considers (and if not exactly identical) adjusts the prices that have been paid for assets comparable to the asset being appraised, equating the comparables to the subject. This involves analyzing recent sales of properties that are similar to the subject property. If the comparables are not identical, the prices are adjusted to equate the various characteristics of the properties. Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. uses an extensive inhouse database of sold and brokered equipment, auction-selling prices, and data gathered via the Internet and other used equipment dealers to establish comparables. As in the cost approach, the basis is a prudent buyer will not pay more for an asset than the cost of acquiring a substitute property of equivalent utility.
- 3) **Income Approach:** The appraiser determines the present value of the future economic benefits of owning the property. This approach is seldom used in valuing personal property and was considered but deemed not applicable in performing this appraisal.

In this summary appraisal and review of assets from Sylvest Farms, the Sales Comparison Approach was employed to arrive at value conclusions. Equipment Exchange Company researched the equipment installed or used at the location. We also paid particular attention to the marketability of these assets in their current geographic location and the effect that location would have in developing their probable value.

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Depreciation

Defined as the actual loss in value or worth of a property from all causes including those resulting from physical deterioration, functional obsolescence, and economic obsolescence.

Physical Deterioration:

A form of depreciation where the loss in value or usefulness of an asset is attributable solely to physical causes such as wear and tear and exposure to the elements.

Functional Obsolescence:

A form of depreciation were the loss in value is due to factors inherent in the property itself and due to changes in design, or process resulting in inadequacy, over capacity, excess construction, lack of functional utility, or excess operating costs.

Economic Obsolescence:

A form of depreciation or loss in value, caused by unfavorable external conditions. These can include such things as the economics of the industry, availability of financing, loss of material and labor sources, passage of new legislation, and changes in ordinances.

Summary of Values Conclusions

Based on our investigations, analysis of data, and the methods as stated and used, it is the opinion of Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc., considering the stated assumptions, conclusions and limiting conditions, which the Fair Market Value-Remove and Orderly Liquidation Value of the machinery and equipment located at Sylvest Farms, Montgomery, AL.

FAIR MARKET VALUE-REMOVE

TOTAL CURRENT OF EQUIPMENT VALUED

\$1,119,500.00

ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE

TOTAL CURRENT OF EQUIPMENT VALUED

\$661,900.00

GENERAL COMMENTS, ASSUMPTIONS, AND STATEMENT OF LIMITING CONDITIONS

This is a Summary Appraisal Report, which is intended to comply with the reporting requirements set forth under Standards Rule 2-2(b) of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice for a Summary Appraisal Report. As such, it might not include full discussions of the data, reasoning, and analysis that were used in the appraisal process to

develop the appraiser's opinion of value. Supporting documentation concerning the data, reasoning and analyses is retained in the appraiser's file.

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This appraisal sets forth our findings and conclusions which are based upon an investigation of conditions affecting value and which are subject to the Assumptions, Statements of Limiting Conditions, and Definitions contained in the following report. Without reading the Assumptions and Statement of Limiting Conditions and Definitions, this report could be erroneously interpreted.

The legal description given to the appraisers and used in this report is assumed to be correct. No responsibility is assumed for matters of a legal nature affecting title to the property nor is an opinion of title rendered. The title is assumed to be good and marketable.

The appraisers have made no survey of the property and no responsibility is assumed in connection with such matters. Sketches in this report are included only to assist the reader in visualizing the property.

In conducting this inspection or in gathering information for this report we have assumed that no unreported or hidden conditions exist with the equipment that would render it more or less valuable then reported.

If for some reason we were unable to gather the model number, serial number, age or other pertinent information we assumed that the equipment was similar to other equipment we have appraised or that is contained within this report.

Information furnished by others is assumed true, correct, and reliable. A reasonable effort has been made to verify such information; however, the appraisers assume no responsibility for its accuracy.

All mortgages, liens, encumbrances, leases, and servitudes have been disregarded unless so specified within the report. The property is appraised as though under responsible ownership and management. It is assumed that there are no hidden or unapparent conditions of the property, subsoil, or structures, which would render it more or less valuable. No responsibility is assumed for such conditions or for engineering, which may be required to discover them.

This report in no way establishes ownership of the detailed property. If property was described as leased, rented, borrowed or subject to outstanding liens we have either noted this in the body of the report or not included the specific equipment in the report.

The fee for this report is not contingent upon the values reported. There have not been any guarantees associated with this fee and no liability can be intimated or assumed in any manner.

It is assumed that there is full compliance with all-applicable federal, state and local environmental regulations and laws unless noncompliance is stated, defined, and considered in the appraisal.

It is assumed that all applicable zoning and use regulations and restrictions have been complied with, unless a non-conformity has been stated, defined, and considered in the appraisal report.

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It is assumed that all required licenses, consents or other legislative or administrative authority from any local, state or national governmental or private entity or organization have been or can be obtained or renewed for any use on which the value estimate contained in this report is based.

The physical condition of the property described herein was not based upon visual inspection by the appraiser. No responsibility is assumed for latent defect of ANY nature whatsoever which may affect its value, nor for any expertise required to disclose such conditions.

The appraiser will not be required to give testimony or to appear in court or any pretrial conference or appearance required by subpoena, with reference to the property in question, unless timely arrangements have been previously made therefore, at prevailing per diem rates.

No environmental impact studies were either requested or made in conjunction with this appraisal, and the appraiser hereby reserves the right to alter, amend, revise or rescind any of the value opinions based upon any subsequent environmental impact studies, research or investigation.

Unless otherwise stated in the report, the appraisers did not observe the existence of hazardous material, which may or may not be present on the property. I have no knowledge of the existence of such materials on or in the property and are not qualified to detect such substances. The presence of substances such as asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation or other potential hazardous materials may affect the value of the property. The value estimate is predicated on the assumption that there is no such material on or in the property that would cause a loss in value. No responsibility is assumed for any such conditions, or for any expertise or engineering knowledge required to discover them. The client is urged to retain an expert in this field, if desired.

The appraiser(s) reserves the right to alter statements, analyses, conclusions, or any value estimate in the appraisal if any new facts pertinent to the process are discovered which were unknown when the appraisal report was prepared.

Possession of this report or any copy thereof does not carry with it the right of publication, nor may it be used for any purpose or any function other than the intended use, as stated in the body of the report.

This appraisal is to be used only in its entirety, and no part is to be used without the whole report. All conclusions and opinions concerning the analysis as set forth in the report were prepared by the appraiser(s) whose signature(s) appear(s) on the appraisal report.

No change of any item in the report shall be made by anyone other than the appraiser(s). The appraiser(s) and the appraisal firm shall bear no responsibility for any such unauthorized changes.

Except as provided for subsequently, neither the appraiser(s) nor the appraisal firm may divulge the analyses, opinions, or conclusions developed in the appraisal report, nor may they give a copy of the report to anyone other then the client or his designee as specified in writing.



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However, this condition does not apply to any requests made by the Appraisal Institute for purpose of confidential ethics enforcement. In addition, this condition does not apply to any order or request issued by a court of law or any other body with the power of subpoena.

No responsibility is taken for changes in market conditions and no obligation is assumed to revise this report without adequate compensation, time and procedural requirements that allow due diligence to reflect events or conditions which occur subsequent to the date thereof.

The appraisers' duty, pursuant to his employment to make the appraisal, is complete upon delivery and acceptance of the appraisal report.

THE ACCEPTANCE AND/OR USE OF THE APPRAISAL REPORT BY THE CLIENT OF ANY THIRD PARTY CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS. THE APPRAISER'S AND EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC. LIABILITY EXTENDS ONLY TO THE SPECIFIED CLIENT, NOT TO SUBSEQUENT PARTIES OR USERS. THE APPRAISER'S AND EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY OF AMERICA INC., LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE RECEIVED FOR THE SERVICES RENDERED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Breakstone

Certified Equipment Appraiser

EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC 10042 KEYSTONE DRIVE LAKE CITY, PA 16423

Does

-Certify-

That on May 16, 2006 that certain property of:

SYLVEST FARMS 4530 MOBILE HIGHWAY MONTGOMERY, AL 36108

HAS WELL AND REASONABLE WORTH:

VALUE IS AS FOLLOWS:

FAIR MARKET VALUE-REMOVE

TOTAL CURRENT OF EQUIPMENT VALUED

\$1,119,500.00

ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE

TOTAL CURRENT OF EQUIPMENT VALUED

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPRAISAL: May 16, 2006

BY: ROBERT BREAKSTONE, CEA



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Appraiser's Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- the statements of facts contained in this report are true and correct.
- the report analyses, opinions and conclusions are limited by the accompanying conditions and assumptions and are my personal, unbiased analyses, opinions, and conclusions and impartial and recommendations.
- I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report and no personal or prospective interest with respect to the parties involved with this assignment.
- my engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results.
- my compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal.
- my analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.
- I have made a personal inspection of the property that is the subject of this report.
- no one provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report.



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- no one provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report.

Signed:

Robert Breakstone, CEA, CSA

					VALUES	ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE			\$10,700.00	\$43,800.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,800.00	\$9,400.00	\$84,300.00	\$17,000.00	\$11,300.00	\$9,400.00	\$84,300.00	\$17,000.00
				90	CURRENT VALUES	FAIR MARKET VALUE			\$15,000.00	\$69,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$122,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$122,000.00	\$25,000.00
D AT:		90	T FINANCE	IION DATE MAY 16, 20		COST AS SHOWN BY INVOICE			\$23,842.00	\$125,000.00	\$35,800.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,900.00	\$187,308.00	\$37,800.00	\$25,000.00	\$20,900.00	\$187,308.00	\$37,800.00
INSPECTION AND VALUATION OF CERTAIN ASSETS LOCATED AT:	SYLVEST FARMS	4530 MOBILE ROAD, MONTGOMERY, AL 36108	ENGAGED BY: GE CAPITAL COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT FINANCE	PREPARED BY EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC INSPECTION DATE MAY 16, 2006		EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	OSSID PACKAGING EQUIPMENT	Ossid Invoice #3295-F, invoice date 12/19/05, equipment installed in early 2006 and minimal production use. Equipment seemed to be in 'like new' condition.	Integrated Package infeed conveyors, 10° wide x 87° long, with low-friction conveyor belt, AC variable speed drive. No ID tags, installed 2006	WPL Single Head Check-Weigh System, model WPL1500xA, serial# A022106 & A023106. Units are capable of belt speeds of up to 35inches/second. Installed 2006	SATA Barcode Printers, model M-8485Se, serial# 4L0A0024 & 4L0A0017. Installed 2006, (Invoice shows Md #PA300AT- this replaces)	ID Technology Top Printers, model M1.5, serial# 57612-02 & 57612-03. Installed 2006.	Ossid Automatic Indexer (mounted to overwrapper) no separate ID plate, Installed 2006.	Ossid Overwrap System model 500E, serial# EF 050432. Unit appears new, possibly ran tests, remains in "like-new" condition. Installed 2006.	Ossid End Seal Shrink, model ESS 550, sn: A06066-480. Unit appears new, possibly ran tests, remains in "like-new" condition.	Cryovac Shrink Tunnel, model 3472G-1317, serial# 060 116155101. Tunnel includes pneumatic blow-off discharge section. Unit appears new, possibly ran tests, remains in "like-new" condition.	Ossid Automatic Indexer (mounted to overwrapper) no separate ID plate, Installed 2006.	Ossid Overwrap System model 500E, serial# EF 050431. Unit appears new, possibly ran tests, remains in "like-new" condition. Installed 2006.	Ossid End Seal Shrink, model ESS 550, sn: A06065-480. Unit appears new, possibly ran tests, remains in "like-new" condition.
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PREP	PREPARED BY EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC INSPECTION DATE MAY 16, 2006	ON DATE MAY 16, 2	900	
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РНОТО #	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	COST AS SHOWN BY INVOICE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE
Cryovac Shrink Tunnel, model 3472G pneumatic blow-off discharge sectio "like-new" condition. Installed 2006.	Cryovac Shrink Tunnel, model 3472G-1317, serial# 051 116032201. Tunnel includes pneumatic blow-off discharge section. Unit appears new, possibly ran tests, remains in "like-new" condition. Installed 2006.	\$25,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$11,300.00
	Frigoscandia Spiral Freezer			
A reconditioned Frigoscandia spira done by MTL Installation Services, been completely installed and not	A reconditioned Frigoscandia spiral freezer with reconditioning and installation work done by MTL installation Services, Proposal #051014C, December 8, 2005. Freezer has been completely installed and not used in production.			
15, 16, 17, Frigoscandia spiral freezer, model C 18 & 19 self-stacking product belt, 40 tiers, North/South belt orientation, infee rotation. Belt cross rods are 1.25" a insulated panels with stainless steel 15.5' high. Freezer is installed on a freezer. Freezer has been installed has not been run or tested. Evapor in excellent condition.	Frigoscandia spiral freezer, model GC-76, project# 10185, Date 6-7-95. Unit has 28" wide self-stacking product belt, 40 tiers, 3" product clearance, 3.25" per tier. Unit has North/South belt orientation, infeed low right, discharge high right, counter-clockwise rotation. Belt cross rods are 1.25" apart, mesh is 1/2" apart. Cabinet is made of 4" thick insulated panels with stainless steel skin inside and out. Cabinet is 16 wide x 28.5 long x 15.5 high. Freezer is installed on a 8" deep insulated floor that could be moved with freezer. Freezer has been installed with most wiring and plumbing completed but freezer has not been run or tested. Evaporator coil capacity is not known. Freezer appears to be in excellent condition.	\$430,000.00	\$280,000.00	\$190,000.00
D & F Equipment Samajority of this equitems are not install	D & F Equipment Sales, Inc. Invoice #53128, Invoice date: December 19, 2006. The majority of this equipment in installed and was in operation during inspection. Some items are not installed and noted on individual item.			
SERIAL# 36019-01A	SERIAL# 36019-01A, 01B; DOUBLE CONE LINE, DFDC1015	\$63,820.00	\$35,000.00	\$26,000.00
SERIAL# 36019-02/	SERIAL# 36019-02A, 02B TENDER/FILLET INCLINE CONVEYORS, DFM500	\$10,680.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
35 & 36 SERIAL# 36019-03	SERIAL# 36019-03A; FINISHED PRODUCT INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$3,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
35 & 36 SERIAL# 36019-03	SERIAL# 36019-03B; FINISHED PRODUCT INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$3,100.00	\$1,000,00	\$400.00
SERIAL# 36019-X1	SERIAL# 36019-X1; TOTE DUMPER, DFTD276	\$4,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
SERIAL# 36019-05	SERIAL# 36019-05; DE-ICE BIN, DFDTD276	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$100.00

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		PREPARED BY EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC INSPECTION DATE MAY 16, 2006	ION DATE MAY 16, 20	900	
				CURRENT	CURRENT VALUES
<u>}</u>	PHOTO #	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	COST AS SHOWN BY INVOICE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE
+	34	SERIAL# 36019-06; LOADING BIN, DFM391, NO IS TAG ON UNIT	\$1,100.00	\$600.00	\$200.00
1	45	SERIAL# 36019-07 FEED CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$9,400.00	\$4,200.00	\$1,500.00
12	53	SERIAL# 36019-08A; THROUGH D8L ERGO STANDS, DFESFS2100, NO ID TAGS	\$4,800.00	\$2,200.00	\$800.00
-	42	SERIAL# 36019-09 PRODUCT CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$7,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$1,100.00
1	42	SERIAL# 36019-10-S PRODUCT CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$5,800.00	\$2,600.00	\$900.00
1	43		\$400.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
1	31	SERIAL# 36019A-01A, 01B; DOUBLE CONE LINE, DFDC1015	\$63,820.00	\$35,000.00	\$26,000.00
2	30	SERIAL# 36019A-02A, 02B DOUBLE TOTE DUMPERS, DFTD275	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$2,800.00
2	30	SERIAL# 36019A-03A, 03B DE-ICE BINS, DFDT1002	\$1,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$400.00
1	64 & 65	SERIAL# 36019A-04A-1, D4A-2; RECIRCULATION CONVEYORS, DFM500	\$10,070.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,600.00
-	64 E 65	SERIAL# 36019A-04B-1, D4B-2; RECIRCULATION CONVEYORS, DFM500	\$10,070.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,600.00
3	61	SERIAL# 36019A-05A, 05B, 05C; WING TIP INCLINE CONVEYORS, DFM500	\$20,520.00	\$9,200.00	\$3,200.00
4	62	SERIAL# 36019A-06A, 06B, 06C, 06D WING INCLINE CONVEYORS, DFM500, THESE UNITS ARE NOT INSTALLED, PRESENTLY OUTSIDE	\$29,600.00	\$13,300.00	\$4,700.00
-	63	SERIAL# 36019A-07; WING INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$11,100.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,800.00
-	65	SERIAL# 36019A-08; WING COMMON CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$17,300.00	\$7,800.00	\$2,700.00
_	09	SERIAL# 36019A-09; WING COMMON CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$14,540.00	\$6,500.00	\$2,300.00
-	52	SERIAL# 36019-10; SKIN INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$9,460.00	\$4,300.00	\$1,500.00
0		SERIAL# 36019A-11A, 11B, 11C, 11D; FLAT TOP TABLES, DFMT382; NEVER RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	33	SERIAL# 36019A-12A, 12B; TENDER/BREAST INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$21,360.00	\$9,600.00	\$3,400.00
-	29	SERIAL# 36019A-13; CARCASS COMMON CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$12,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,900.00
-	89	SERIAL# 36019A-14 TENDER/BREAST INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500, (THIS UNIT WAS NOT INSTALLED OR IN USE DURING INSPECTION)	\$26,895.00	\$12,100.00	\$4,200.00
80	69	TENDER/BREAST CONVEYORS, SERIAL# 36019A-15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 15E, 15F, 15G, 15H	\$132,480.00	\$59,600.00	\$20,900.00
0		SERIAL# 36019A-16; FEED CONVEYOR, DFM500, NOT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+	46	SERIAL# 36019A-17; FEED CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$9,400.00	\$4,200.00	\$1,500.00

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<u>or</u>	PHOTO #	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	COST AS SHOWN BY INVOICE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE
	71	SERIAL# 36019A-CHUTE, DFC378 (NO ID TAG)	\$430.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
4	72	SERIAL# 36019A-19A, 19B, 19C, 19D; EMPLOYEE STANDS, DFMPM179	\$24,600.00	\$11,100.00	\$3,900.00
1	70	SERIAL# 36019A-20; FLAT TOP TABLE, DMFT382 (NO ID TAG)	\$1,800.00	\$800.00	\$300.00
4	73	SERIAL# 36019A-21A, 21B, 21C, 21D; EMPLOYEE CROSSOVER STANDS, DFMPM179	\$7,400.00	\$3,300.00	\$1,200.00
0		SERIAL# 36019A-22, FINISHED PRODUCT INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500 NOT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
0		SERIAL# 36019A-23, FINISHED PRODUCT INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500 NOT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
-	38	SERIAL# 36019A-24; S-36019-X5; TRIM INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$10,580.00	\$4,800.00	\$1,700.00
12	58	SERIAL# 36019A-25A THROUGH 25L; ERGO STANDS, DFESF2100, (NO ID TAGS)	\$4,800.00	\$2,200.00	\$800.00
-	55	SERIAL# 36019A-26; FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900	\$14,100.00	\$6,300.00	\$2,200.00
0		SERIAL# 36019A-27; FULL BOX INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFKPC900; NOT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
-	99	SERIAL# 36019A-28; FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900	\$8,930.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,400.00
-	49	SERIAL# 36019A-29; FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900	\$5,220.00	\$2,300.00	\$800.00
-		SERIAL# 36019A-30; FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFM500, NOT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	20	SERIAL# 36019A-31A, 31B; FULL BOX CONVEYORS, DFKPC900	\$13,420.00	\$6,000.00	\$2,100.00
2	54	SERIAL# 36019A-32A, 32B; FULL BOX CONVEYORS, DFKPC900	\$15,640.00	\$7,000.00	\$2,500.00
0		SERIAL# 36019A-33; PORTIONING CONVEYOR, DFM500, NOT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	44	SERIAL# 36019A-34A, 34B, 34C, 34D, 34E, 34F, 34G, 34H; TOTE STANDS, DFMS380; PERSONNEL WORK STANDS, (NO ID TAGS)	\$1,800.00	\$800.00	\$300.00
7	48	SERIAL# 36019A-35A, 35B, 35C, 35D, 35E, 35F, 35G; GRAVITY CONVEYORS, DFGR50 (NO ID TAGS)	\$3,780.00	\$1,700.00	\$600.00
_		SERIAL# 36019A-36 FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFM500, NOT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
-	51	SERIAL# 36019A-37; FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$8,180.00	\$3,700.00	\$1,300.00
0		SERIAL# 36019A-38; FULL BOX SPUR CONVEYOR, DFFBS301, NOT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1	57	SERIAL# 36019A-39; FULL BOX SPUR CONVEYOR, DFFBS301	\$7,600.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,200.00
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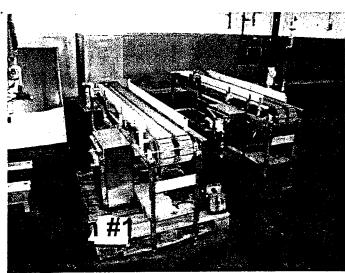
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<u>∆ı</u> ŏ	РНОТО #	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	COST AS SHOWN BY INVOICE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE
0		SERIAL# 36019A-42, FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900, NOT RECEIVED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
-	39	SERIAL# 36019A-43, FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900	\$14,295.00	\$6,400.00	\$2,200.00
-	4	SERIAL# 36019A-44, FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900	\$17,440.00	\$7,800.00	\$2,700.00
2	74	SERIAL# 36019A-45A, 45B, 90" GRAVITY CONVEYORS, DFGR50-90 (NO ID TAGS)	\$2,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$400.00
		ITEMS LISTED BELOW ARE BEING CONSIDERED AS REPLACEMENT OR SUBSTITUTION ITEMS FROM D & K FOR ITEMS LISTED 'NOT RECEIVED' ABOVE			
-	11	SERIAL# 36019A-X44 TENDER/BREAST CONVEYOR	\$17,275.00	\$7,800.00	\$2,700.00
2	76	SERIAL# 36019A-X24, EMPLOYEE STANDS	\$3,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$500.00
-	37	SERIAL# 36019-X6-5; NUGGET INCLINE OVER DSI CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$5,900.00	\$2,700.00	\$900.00
-	41	SERIAL# 36019-X4-S; FINISHED PRODUCT INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	\$9,700.00	\$4,400.00	\$1,500.00
4	75	SERIAL# 36019A-X8; WING SAWS, SIGHTED FOUR UNITS	\$5,800.00	\$2,600.00	\$900.00
-	78	SERIAL# 36019A-X43A, X43B DOUBLE CONE LINE FRAME - NO CONES PURCHASED OR INSTALLED (INTENDED TO USE SOME CONES FROM ANOTHER PLANT)	\$34,860.00	\$15,700.00	\$5,500.00
-	6/	SERIAL# 36019A-7A; SING INCLINE CONVEYOR	\$10,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,600.00
-	82	SERIAL# 36019A-X21; EMPTY BOX CONVEYOR W/TWO 90 DEGREE TURNS	\$12,232.50	\$5,500.00	\$1,900.00
-	81	SERIAL# 36019A-X22, EMPTY BOX CONVEYOR	\$14,425.00	\$6,500.00	\$2,300.00
_	83	SERIAL# 36019A-X23 GRAVITY CONVEYOR	\$4,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$700.00
_	8	SERIAL# 36019A-X20 EMPTY BOX CONVEYOR	\$6,000.00	\$2,700.00	\$900.00
-	84	SERIAL# 36019A-X42 EMPLOYEE STAND	\$5,450.00	\$2,500.00	\$900.00
		TOTAL OF ALL VALUES	\$1,982,330.50	\$1,119,500.00	\$661,900,00

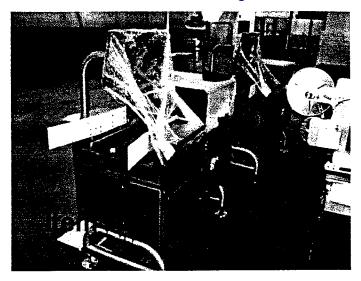
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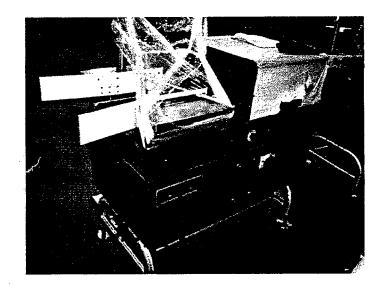
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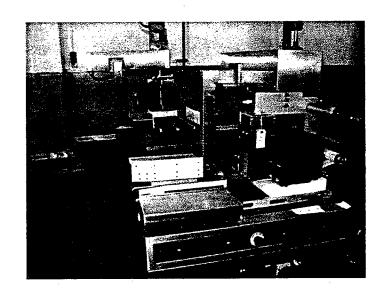
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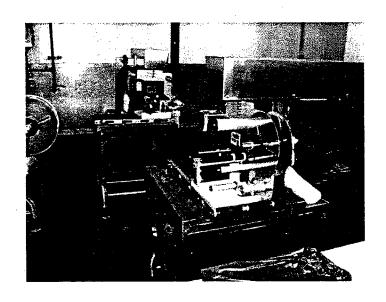
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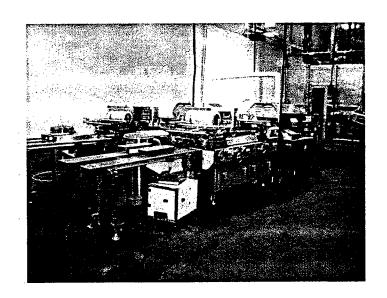


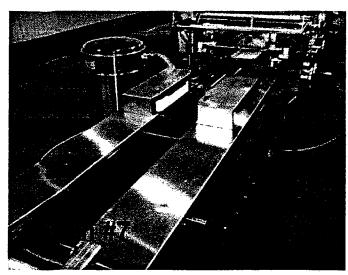


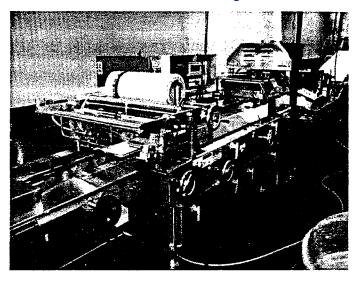


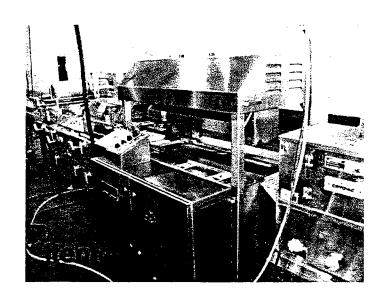


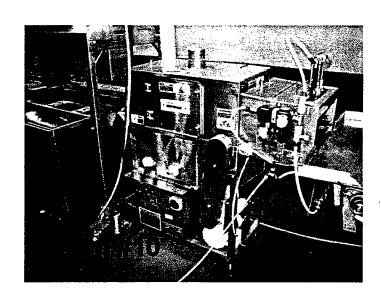


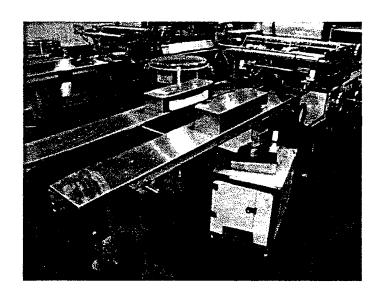




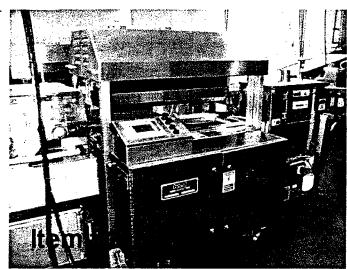


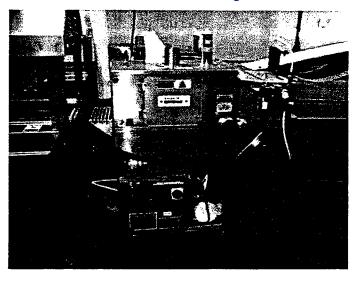


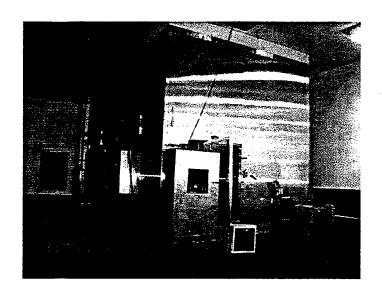




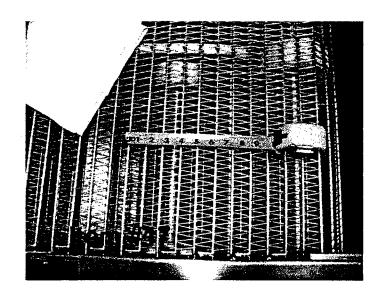


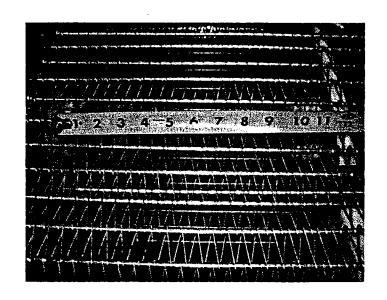


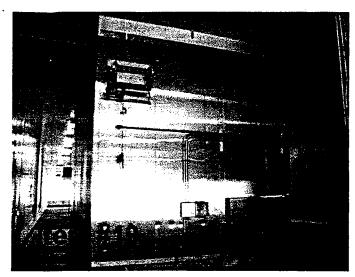


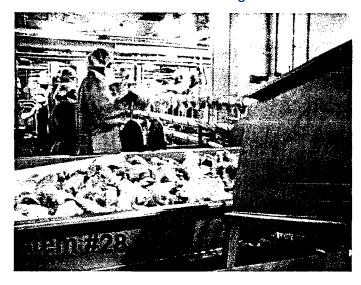


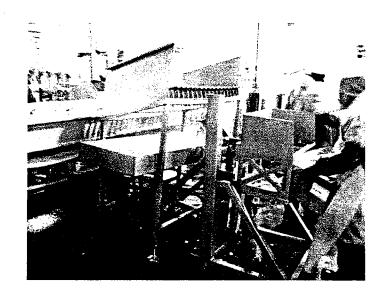


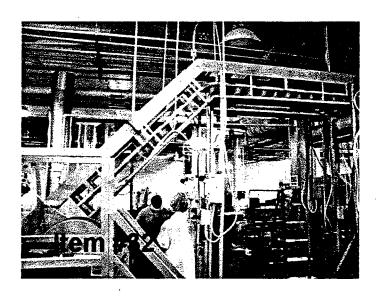


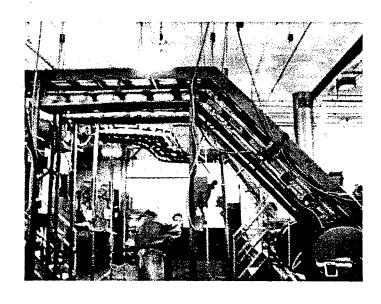




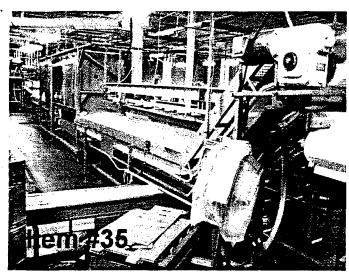


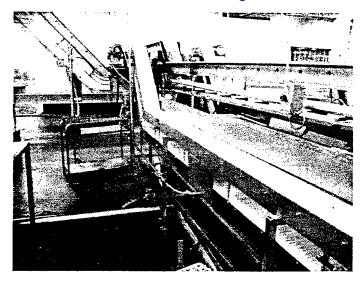


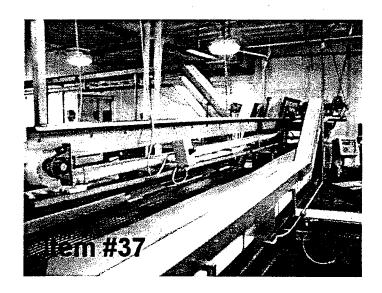


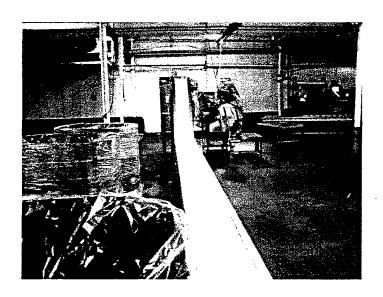


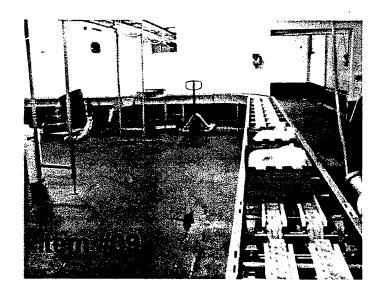


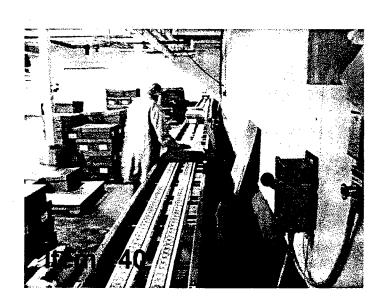


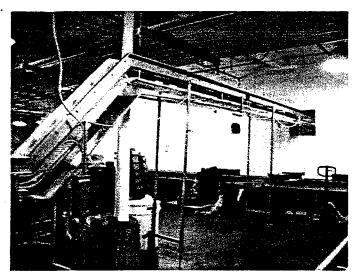


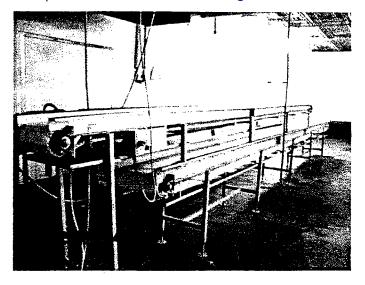


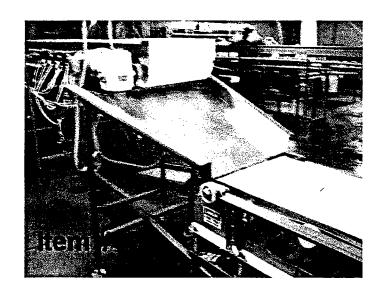


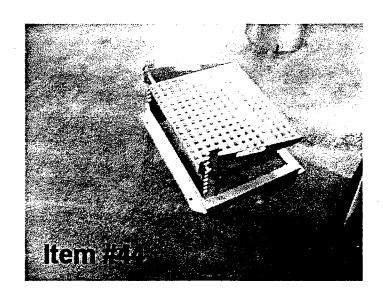


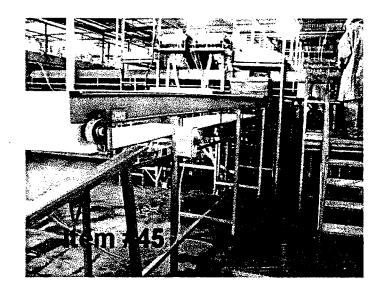


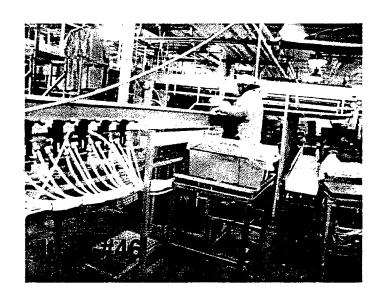


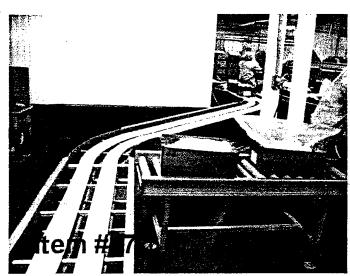


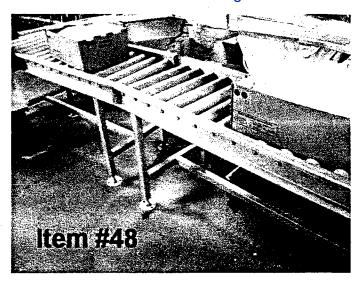


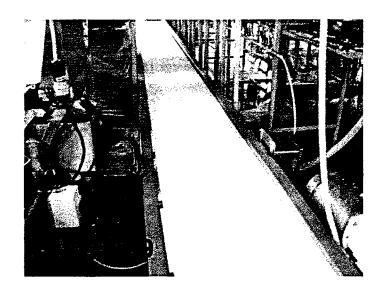


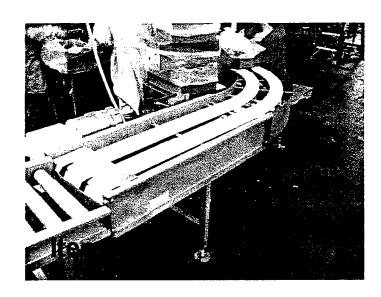


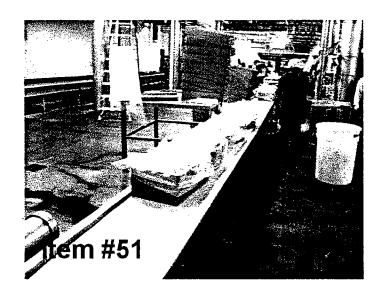


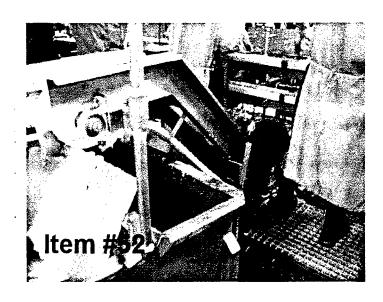


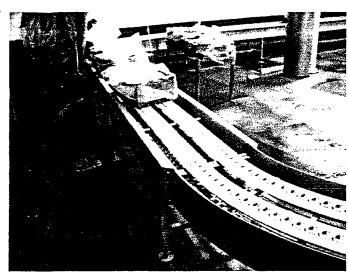


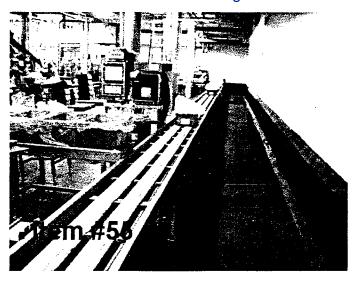


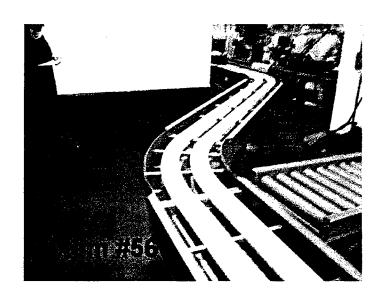


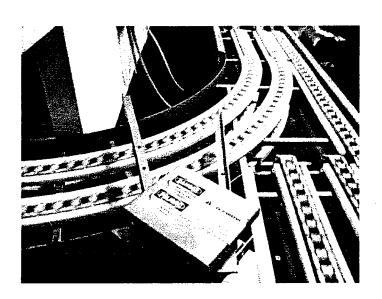


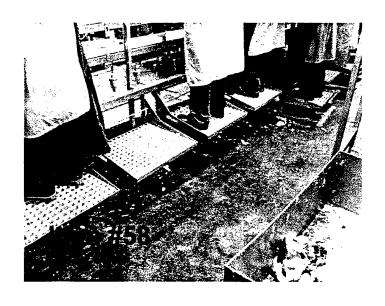




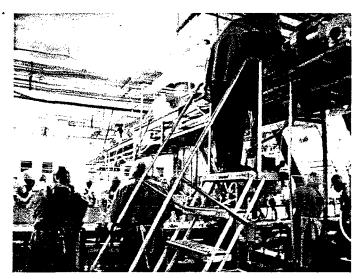


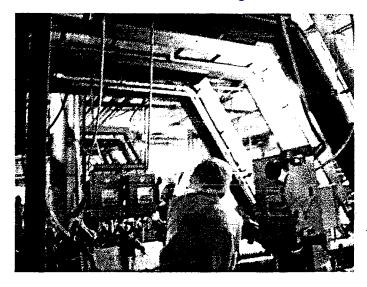


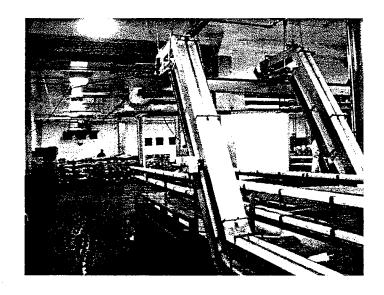


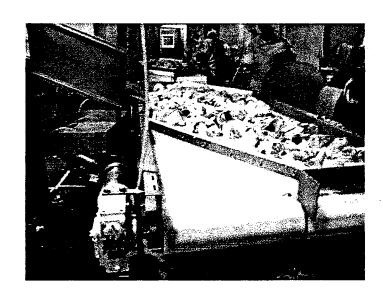




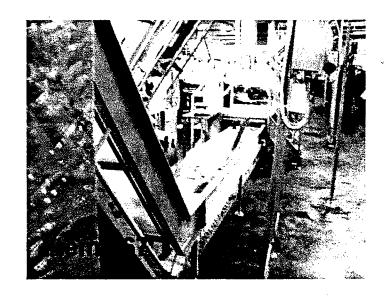




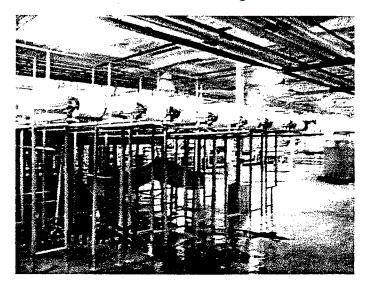


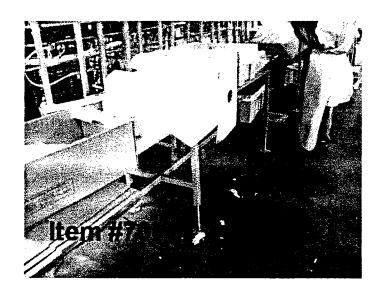




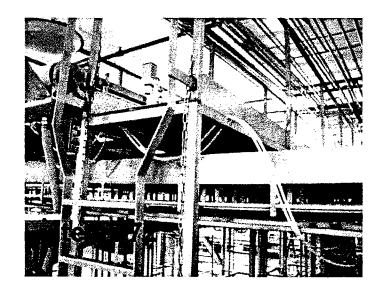


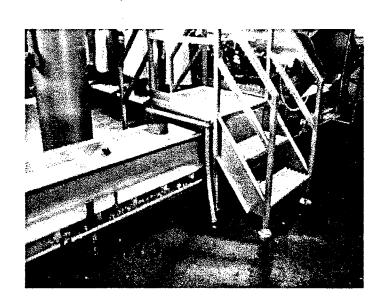


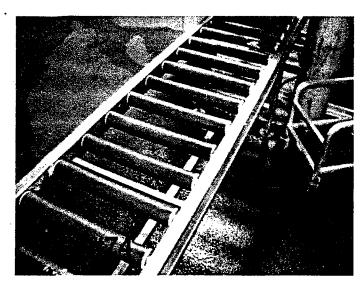


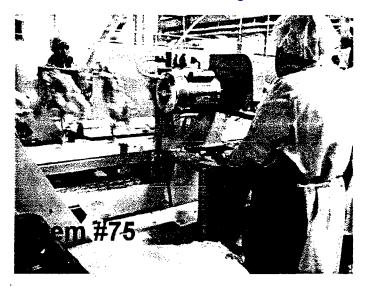


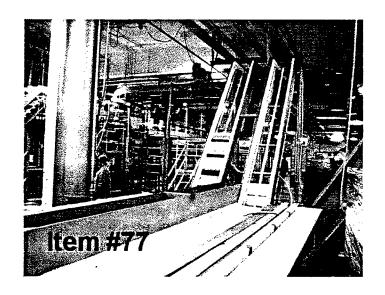


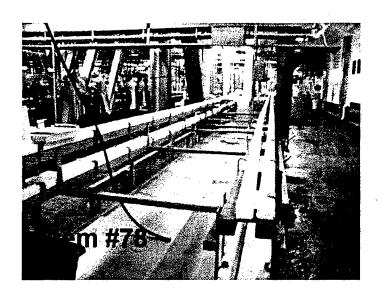


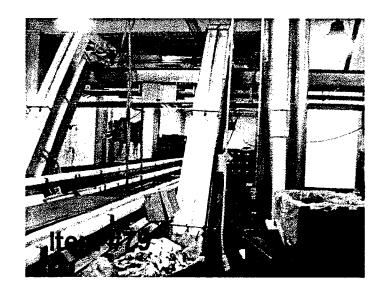


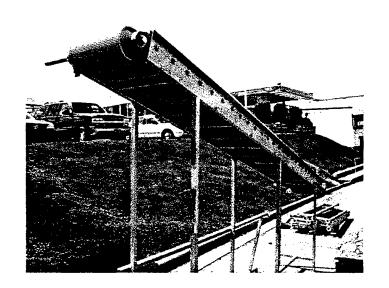






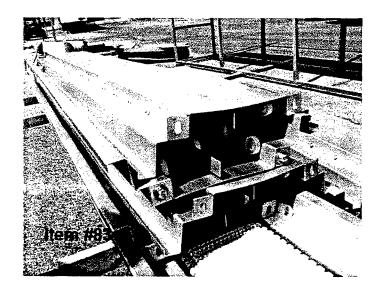
















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APPRAISER'S QUALIFICATIONS

Robert Breakstone, President



Experience:

Mr. Robert Breakstone, CSA, CEA our Senior Appraiser, has been President of Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. since 1989. Our firm has been in the "used equipment" business since 1979. Having "grown up" in the process business, Robert has a wealth of experience in many facets of food production. He has toured many production plants in United States, Provinces of Canada as well as Puerto Rico and Central America.

Equipment Exchange Company specializes in buying, selling and evaluating meat process, baking, beverage, frozen foods, vegetable, dry goods and related food products and equipment. We also have extensive database of sales history for our in-house sales comparisons.

Education:

Mr. Robert Breakstone received his Bachelors Degree from Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA in 1982. In 2001, Mr. Breakstone received his Certificate of Achievement for completing the American Society of Appraiser's (ASA) course in *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* (USPAP).

Memberships:

Professional Memberships:

- 1) Equipment Appraisers Association on North America (EAANA) Status: Certified Senior Appraiser (CSA).
- 2) Association of Machinery and Equipment Appraisers (AMEA) Status: Certified Equipment Appraiser (CEA).
- 3) American Society of Appraisers (ASA) Status: Candidate Member

Association Memberships:

Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. is a current member of Machinery Dealers National Association (MDNA) of the Equipment Leasing Association (ELA) American Meat Institute (AMI) as well as North American Meat Processors (NAAMP) and American Association of Meat Processors (AAMP).

Certification:

In 2002, Mr. Breakstone completed and has been accepted by the Association of Machinery and Equipment Appraisers (AMEA) as a Certified Equipment Appraiser (CEA). In 2005, Mr. Breakstone completed the requirements for Certified Senior Appraiser (CSA) status in Equipment Appraisers Association of North America. These certifications require acceptance to conform in all respects to the designated Codes of Ethics, the appropriate Standards and Procedures of Professional Appraisal Ethics and Practice, certification in *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* (USPAP) as well written exams, submittal of an appraisals for review and acceptance, as well as a minimum of five years of appraisal experience. Both designation dictate on-going requirements to maintain accreditation.



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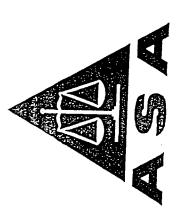
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Robert Breakstone

by the Association of Machinery and Equipment Appraisers for the period

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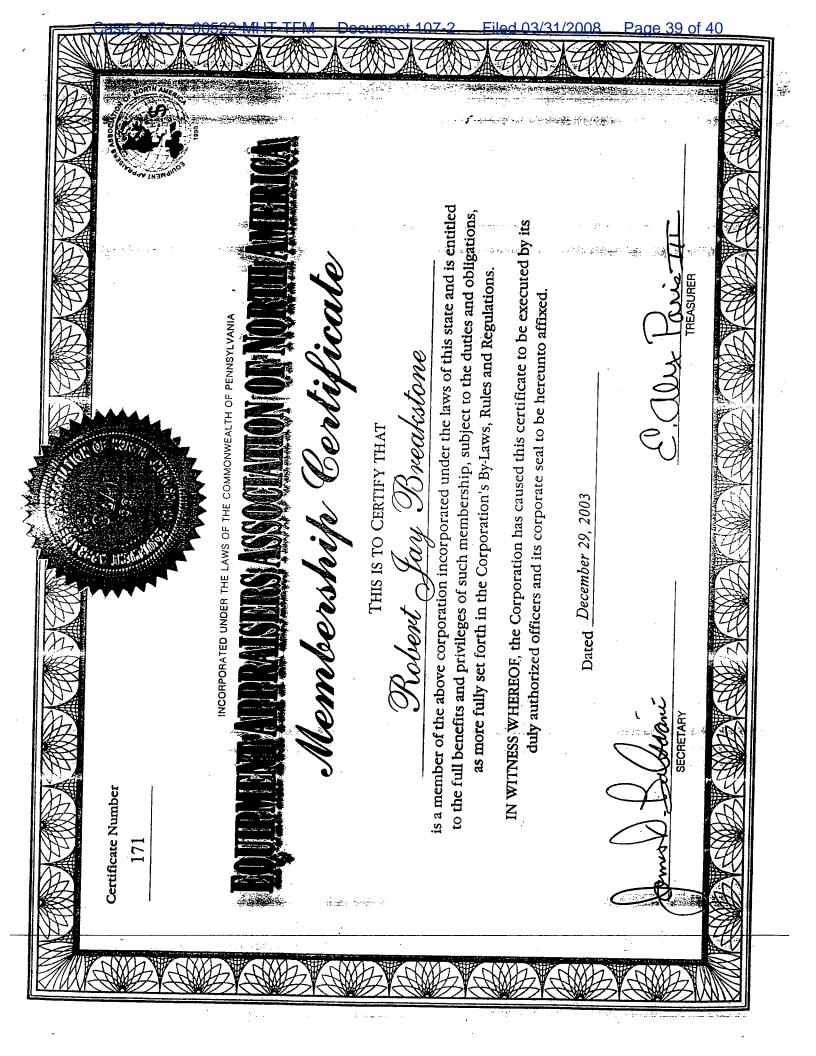
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BY

EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY
SEPTEMBER 2007



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MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT APPRAISERS

APPRAISAL REPORT PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Subject - Certain Assets of:

KOCH FOODS/FORMER SYLVEST FARMS **4530 MOBILE HIGHWAY** MONTGOMERY, AL 36108

For the Intended Use of:

GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT FINANCING **44 OLD RIDGEBURY ROAD** DANBURY, CT 06810-5105

Purpose of Appraisal

The purpose of this appraisal is to provide an independent, professional opinion of the Day One, Year One Fair Market Value-In Place, Current Fair Market Value-Removed and Orderly Liquidation Value of certain machinery and equipment located at Koch Foods/ Former Sylvest Farms, 4530 Mobile Highway, Montgomery, AL. This report is intended solely for business decisions of General Electric Capital Corporation and assignees. Mr. Daniel Nicoson, Vice President of Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. inspected these assets located at Koch Foods/former Sylvest Farms and Mr. Robert Breakstone, President prepared this report. The effective date of this report is September 24, 2007.

Intended Use of Appraisal

This report is intended solely for business decisions of General Electric Capital Corporation for financing and business purposes and is not intended for any other use.

There are proper and improper uses for various appraisal concepts. The American Society of Appraisers has standard definitions for concepts, each concept is specifically defined and indicates. a conclusion of value. It is up to the user to determine if the defined concept is correct for its purpose. Users can certainly investigate value concepts to determine their typical and known uses and are not prohibited after their investigation to choose to adapt any known concept to their purpose as considered reasonable by their standards. The appraisal is preformed at the request of a client based upon a requested concept of value. It is not uncommon for Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. (EEC) to develop an appraisal using one or more concepts of value. Users of this report must do so with the knowledge of the defined concepts of value being utilized. If a user has any questions as to the intended use, definitions of value or defined concepts they are advised to contact the appraiser.

Page 2 of 7 Koch Foods

Scope of Appraisal

To appraise certain personal property of the subject company located at Koch Foods/former Sylvest Farms and to arrive at certain conclusion of values under the Fair Market Value-in Place, Fair Market Value-Removed and Orderly Liquidation Value.

Highest and Best Use

The equipment was being used for the purpose as designed and engineered unless otherwise stated. It is the appraisers opinion that the equipment was being utilized: EQUIPMENT PRODUCT LINE: Fresh and frozen poultry products. Equipment includes packaging, freezing, and cutting or portioning equipment various material handling conveyors and transportation equipment along with support equipment. This report does not include all of the equipment and machinery, office furniture, support equipment, material handling equipment, real estate, intangible assets, ect.

Value Definitions

FAIR MARKET VALUE IN PLACE: (FMV-IN PLACE): Is defined as the most probable price estimated in terms of money that the items appraised could realize if exposed for sale in the open market allowing a reasonable time to find a purchaser who buys with knowledge of all the uses to which they are adapted and for which they are capable of being used, including the benefit of their present location including all costs to design, acquire, install and make operational. Frequently, it is referred to as the price at which a willing seller would sell and a willing buyer, neither being under abnormal pressure as of a specific date. In this report we are valuing the Fair Market Value In Place as of the actual installation and operational date in Spring 2006. This is a Day One, Year One value or a total cost of project value specific to the items valued and as of a specific date.

FAIR MARKET VALUE- REMOVED (FMV-REMOVED): The value realized from a retail sale to an end user of equipment removed from its current premises. The value is a result of a transaction between a willing buyer and willing seller, with no time limitation to sell. This value assumes the equipment is maintained according to the manufacture's recommendation and performance standards. Since a physical inspection was preformed, the FMV will reflect the actual condition found.

ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE (OLV): The value realized from an open market sale between a seller under time duress and a willing buyer who is an end user of the equipment. The buyer time duress is specified in Table 1 below. Both the buyer and the seller have knowledge of the use and purpose for which this equipment is adapted and for which it is capable of being used. This value also assumes the equipment will be sold "as is condition, where is location" and the buyer assumes the costs to dismantle and remove. Additionally, this value is not discounted for assembling, cleaning, security, advertising, brokerage, or other disposal costs, if any.

TABLE 1

Collateral Type	Day to sell Equipment
Transportation/Material Handling	60-90
Construction	90-120
Machine tools/Plastics/Graphic	120-180
Computers/Arts/Mining/Telecom/Food/Textil	
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Both stated value considerations represent the normal considerations for the assets being appraised. The stated values are unaffected by special or creative financing or sale considerations granted by anyone associated with a possible sale or any other special or creative terms, service fees, costs or credits.

All values stated are in United States Funds as of effective date of this report. Any users of this report must assume that the listed "OLV" is based on the fact that a qualified and experienced broker of the goods is to be used as the marketing agent. It also does not take into account any "costs to sell" that would be involved in liquidating the assets.

Approaches to Value

In complying with Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), all three accepted approaches to value must be considered.

- 1) Cost Approach: The appraiser considers the replacement cost (new) of the asset being appraised for the loss in value caused by physical deterioration, functional obsolescence, or economic obsolescence. The cost approach is based on the principle of substitution: a prudent buyer will not pay more for an asset than the cost of acquiring a substitute property of equivalent utility. In its simplest form, the cost approach is the current cost (as if new) less all depreciation.
- 2) Sales Comparison Approach: The appraiser considers (and if not exactly identical) adjusts the prices that have been paid for assets comparable to the asset being appraised, equating the comparables to the subject. This involves analyzing recent sales of properties that are similar to the subject property. If the comparables are not identical, the prices are adjusted to equate the various characteristics of the properties. Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. uses an extensive in-house database of sold and brokered equipment, auction-selling prices, and data gathered via the Internet and other used equipment dealers to establish comparables. As in the cost approach, the basis is a prudent buyer will not pay more for an asset than the cost of acquiring a substitute property of equivalent utility.
- Income Approach: The appraiser determines the present value of the future economic benefits of owning the property. This approach is seldom used in valuing personal property and was considered but deemed not applicable in performing this appraisal.

Scope of Work Rule

The Scope of Work addresses the Type and Extent of Research and Analysis utilized to develop an Opinion of Value. The Data Collected in the Course of Research and Analysis may include, but is not limited to: market Data from used equipment dealers that sell comparable equipment: conversations with new equipment manufacturer's; consultation with auctioneers, liquidators and equipment brokers of comparable equipment; In-House Data Bases; Industry Data Bases; Trade Journals and Industry Periodicals.



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In this appraisal and review of assets from Koch Foods/former Sylvest Farms, the Sales Comparison Approach was employed to arrive at value conclusions. Equipment Exchange Company researched the equipment formerly installed or used at the location. We also paid particular attention to the marketability of these assets in their current geographic location and the effect that location would have in developing their probable value.

Depreciation

Defined as the actual loss in value or worth of a property from all causes including those resulting from physical deterioration, functional obsolescence, and economic obsolescence.

Physical Deterioration:

A form of depreciation where the loss in value or usefulness of an asset is attributable solely to physical causes such as wear and tear and exposure to the elements.

Functional Obsolescence:

A form of depreciation were the loss in value is due to factors inherent in the property itself and due to changes in design, or process resulting in inadequacy, over capacity, excess construction, lack of functional utility, or excess operating costs.

Economic Obsolescence:

A form of depreciation or loss in value, caused by unfavorable external conditions. These can include such things as the economics of the industry, availability of financing, loss of material and labor sources, passage of new legislation, and changes in ordinances.

Summary of Values Conclusions

Based on our investigations, analysis of data, and the methods as stated and used, it is the opinion of Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc., considering the stated assumptions, conclusions and limiting conditions, which the Fair Market Value-In Place, Fair Market Value-Remove and Orderly Liquidation Value of the machinery and equipment located at Koch Foods/former Sylvest Farms, Montgomery, AL.

FAIR MARKET VALUE-IN PLACE

DAY ONE-YEAR ONE OF EQUIPMENT VALUED

\$1,398,068.00

FAIR MARKET VALUE-REMOVE

TOTAL CURRENT OF EQUIPMENT VALUED

\$459,380.00

ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALUE

TOTAL CURRENT OF EQUIPMENT VALUED

\$260,890.00

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GENERAL COMMENTS. ASSUMPTIONS, AND STATEMENT OF LIMITING CONDITIONS

This appraisal sets forth our findings and conclusions which are based upon an investigation of conditions affecting value and which are subject to the Assumptions, Statements of Limiting Conditions, and Definitions contained in the following report. Without reading the Assumptions and Statement of Limiting Conditions and Definitions, this report could be erroneously interpreted.

The legal description given to the appraisers and used in this report is assumed to be correct. No responsibility is assumed for matters of a legal nature affecting title to the property nor is an opinion of title rendered. The title is assumed to be good and marketable.

The appraisers have made no survey of the property and no responsibility is assumed in connection with such matters. Sketches in this report are included only to assist the reader in visualizing the property.

In conducting this inspection or in gathering information for this report we have assumed that no unreported or hidden conditions exist with the equipment that would render it more or less valuable then reported.

If for some reason we were unable to gather the model number, serial number, age or other pertinent information we assumed that the equipment was similar to other equipment we have appraised or that is contained within this report.

Information furnished by others is assumed true, correct, and reliable. A reasonable effort has been made to verify such information; however, the appraisers assume no responsibility for its accuracy.

All mortgages, liens, encumbrances, leases, and servitudes have been disregarded unless so specified within the report. The property is appraised as though under responsible ownership and management. It is assumed that there are no hidden or unapparent conditions of the property, subsoil, or structures, which would render it more or less valuable. No responsibility is assumed for such conditions or for engineering, which may be required to discover them.

This report in no way establishes ownership of the detailed property. If property was described as leased, rented, borrowed or subject to outstanding liens we have either noted this in the body of the report or not included the specific equipment in the report.

The fee for this report is not contingent upon the values reported. There have not been any guarantees associated with this fee and no liability can be intimated or assumed in any manner.

It is assumed that there is full compliance with all-applicable federal, state and local environmental regulations and laws unless noncompliance is stated, defined, and considered in the appraisal.

It is assumed that all applicable zoning and use regulations and restrictions have been complied with, unless a non-conformity has been stated, defined, and considered in the appraisal report.



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It is assumed that all required licenses, consents or other legislative or administrative authority from any local, state or national governmental or private entity or organization have been or can be obtained or renewed for any use on which the value estimate contained in this report is based.

The physical condition of the property described herein was not based upon visual inspection by the appraiser. No responsibility is assumed for latent defect of ANY nature whatsoever which may affect its value, nor for any expertise required to disclose such conditions.

The appraiser will not be required to give testimony or to appear in court or any pretrial conference or appearance required by subpoena, with reference to the property in question, unless timely arrangements have been previously made therefore, at prevailing per diem rates.

No environmental impact studies were either requested or made in conjunction with this appraisal, and the appraiser hereby reserves the right to alter, amend, revise or rescind any of the value opinions based upon any subsequent environmental impact studies, research or investigation.

Unless otherwise stated in the report, the appraisers did not observe the existence of hazardous material, which may or may not be present on the property. I have no knowledge of the existence of such materials on or in the property and are not qualified to detect such substances. The presence of substances such as asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation or other potential hazardous materials may affect the value of the property. The value estimate is predicated on the assumption that there is no such material on or in the property that would cause a loss in value. No responsibility is assumed for any such conditions, or for any expertise or engineering knowledge required to discover them. The client is urged to retain an expert in this field, if desired.

The appraiser(s) reserves the right to alter statements, analyses, conclusions, or any value estimate in the appraisal if any new facts pertinent to the process are discovered which were unknown when the appraisal report was prepared.

Possession of this report or any copy thereof does not carry with it the right of publication, nor may it be used for any purpose or any function other than the intended use, as stated in the body of the report.

This appraisal is to be used only in its entirety, and no part is to be used without the whole report. All conclusions and opinions concerning the analysis as set forth in the report were prepared by the appraiser(s) whose signature(s) appear(s) on the appraisal report.

No change of any item in the report shall be made by anyone other than the appraiser(s). The appraiser(s) and the appraisal firm shall bear no responsibility for any such unauthorized changes.

Except as provided for subsequently, neither the appraiser(s) nor the appraisal firm may divulge the analyses, opinions, or conclusions developed in the appraisal report, nor may they give a copy of the report to anyone other then the client or his designee as specified in writing.



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However, this condition does not apply to any requests made by the Appraisal Institute for purpose of confidential ethics enforcement. In addition, this condition does not apply to any order or request issued by a court of law or any other body with the power of subpoena.

No responsibility is taken for changes in market conditions and no obligation is assumed to revise this report without adequate compensation, time and procedural requirements that allow due diligence to reflect events or conditions which occur subsequent to the date thereof.

The appraisers' duty, pursuant to his employment to make the appraisal, is complete upon delivery and acceptance of the appraisal report.

THE ACCEPTANCE AND/OR USE OF THE APPRAISAL REPORT BY THE CLIENT OF ANY THIRD PARTY CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS. THE APPRAISER'S AND EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC. LIABILITY EXTENDS ONLY TO THE SPECIFIED CLIENT, NOT TO SUBSEQUENT PARTIES OR USERS. THE APPRAISER'S AND EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY OF AMERICA INC., LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE RECEIVED FOR THE SERVICES RENDERED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Breakstone

Certified Equipment Appraiser

EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMPANY OF AMERICA, INC. 10042 KEYSTONE DRIVE LAKE CITY, PA 16423

Does

-Certify-

That on September 24, 2007 that certain property of:

KOCH FOODS FORMER SYLVEST FARMS **4530 MOBILE HIGHWAY** MONTGOMERY, AL 36108

HAS WELL AND REASONABLE WORTH:

VALUE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPRAISAL: SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

BY:

ROBERT BREAKSTONE, CEA, CSA



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Appraiser's Certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- the statements of facts contained in this report are true and correct.
- the report analyses, opinions and conclusions are limited by the accompanying conditions and assumptions and are my personal, impartial and unbiased analyses, opinions, and conclusions and recommendations.
- I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject of this report and no personal or prospective interest with respect to the parties involved with this assignment.
- my engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing. or reporting predetermined results.
- my compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal.
- my analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.
- ❖ I have NOT made a personal inspection of the property that is the subject of this report.
- no one provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report.

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Nam 9-24-2007

Signed:

Daniel R. Nicoson, Report Date:

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INSPECTION AND VALUATION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT

KOCH FOOD - FORMER SYLVEST FARMS

4530 MOBILE ROAD, MONTGOMERY, AL 36108
INSPECTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

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					ONE YEAR ONE		
		Frigoscandia Spiral Freezer A reconditioned Frigoscandia spiral freezer with reconditioning and installation work done by MTL installation Services, Proposal #051014C, December 8, 2005. Freezer has been completely installed and not used in production.					
	4773 - 4780	Frigoscandia spiral freezer, model GC-76, project# 10185, Date 6-7-95. Unit has 28" wide self-stacking product belt, 40 tiers, 3" product clearance, 3.25" per tier. Unit has North/South belt orientation, infeed low right, discharge high right, counter- clockwise rotation. Belt cross rods are 1.25" apart, mesh is 1/2" apart. Cabinet is made of 4" thick insulated panels with stainless steel skin inside and out. Cabinet is 16' wide x 28.5' long x 15.5' high. Freezer is installed on a 8" deep insulated floor that could be moved with freezer. Freezer has been installed with most wiring and plumbing completed but freezer has not been run or tested. Evaporator coil capacity is not known. Freezer appears to be in excellent condition but noting that electrical control panel is incomplete as it was in 2006.	Freezer was still in place: no change from 2006 inspection	\$430,000.00	\$473,000	\$240,000	\$150,000
		D & F Equipment Sales, inc. Invoice #53128, Invoice date: December 19, 2006. Inspection of this equipment on September 24, 2007 determined that all equipment has been disassembled and removed from operation, presently stored outside with beiting removed and stored outside.					
	4784		Multiple pallets of plastic belting from the various conveyors. No way of knowing if all the belting is present or actual condition of belting. Belting has been used and has been taken off conveyors when system disassembled. It has been stored outside without protection for undetermined time.	Included in costs and values of conveyors below	Included in costs and values of conveyors below	\$0	\$00
	4858 - 4862	SERIAL# 36019-01A; DOUBLE CONE LINE, DEDC1015, REMOVED FROM OPERATION; BELTS REMOVED		\$63,820.00	\$73,000	\$22,000	\$11,000
2	4800	SERIAL# 36019-02A, 02B TENDER/FILLET INCLINE CONVEYORS, DFM500		\$10,680.00	\$12,000	52,700	\$1,400
1	4814	SERIAL# 36019-03A; FINISHED PRODUCT INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500		\$3,100.00	\$4,000	\$800	\$400
1	4814	SERIAL#36019-038; FINISHED PRODUCT INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500		\$3,100.00	\$4,000	SBOO	\$400
1		SERIAL# 36019-X1; TOTE DUMPER, DFTD276 SERIAL# 36019-05; DE-ICE BIN, DFDTD276 SERIAL# 36019-06; LOADING BIN, DFM391, NO IS TAG ON UNIT	Not Found	\$4,200.00 \$700.00 \$1,100.00	\$5,000 \$1,000 \$1,000	\$1,000 \$180	\$500 \$90
1	4869	The service of the second of the services of the second of	2-sections of horizontal conveyor	\$9,400.00	\$11,000	\$2,400	\$1,200

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QUANTITY	PHOTO NUMBER	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	INSPECTION NOTES	COST AS SHOWN BY INVOICE	- INSTALLED DAY ONE YEAR ONE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	ORDERLY LIQUIDATION VALU
12	4851, 4852	SERIAL# 36019-08A; THROUGH 08L ERGO STANDS, DFESFS2100, NO ID TAGS	Quantity and condition of grating for stands not confirmed	\$4,800.00	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$600
12	4851, 4852	SERIAL# 36019A-25A THROUGH 25L; ERGO STANDS, DFESF2100, (NO ID TÄGS)	Quantity and condition of grating for stands not confirmed	\$4,800.00	\$5,000	\$1,200	\$600
1	4829	SERIAL#36019-09 PRODUCT CONVEYOR, DFM500	Base frame for 36019- 10-S	\$7,000.00	\$8,000	\$1,800	\$900
1	4829	SERIAL# 36019-10-S PRODUCT CONVEYOR, DFM500	Mounted on 36019-09	\$5,800,00	\$7,000	\$1,500	\$800
1	4796	SERIAL# 36019-11 PRODUCT CHUTE, DFC378 (NO ID TAG)		\$400.00	\$440	\$100	\$50
1	4858 - 4862	SERIAL# 36019A-01B; DOUBLE CONE LINE, DFDC1015		\$63,820.00	\$73,000	\$22,300	\$11,200
2	4793, 4794	SERIAL# 36019A-02A, 028 DOUBLE TOTE DUMPERS, DFTD275		\$15,000.00	\$17,000	\$5,300	\$2,700
2	4864, 4866	SERIAL# 36019A-03A, 03B DE-ICE BINS, DFDT1002		\$1,400,00	\$2,000	\$400	\$200
1		SERIAL# 36019A-04A-1, D4A-2; recirculation CONVEYORS, DFM500		\$10,070.00	\$12,000	\$2,500	\$1,300
1	4789	SERIAL# 36019A-04B-1, D4B-2; REGIRCULATION CONVEYORS, DFM500		\$10,070.00	\$12,000	\$2,500	\$1,300
3	4816	SERIAL# 36019A-05A, 05B, 05C; WING TIP INCLINE CONVEYORS, DFM500		\$20,520.00	\$24,000	\$5,100	\$2,600
4		SERIAL# 36019A-06A, 06B, 06C, 06D WING INCLINE CONVEYORS, DFM500		\$29,600.00	\$34,000	\$7,400	\$3,700
1	4800	SERIAL# 36019A-07 and 36019A-07A; WING INCLINE CONVEYORS, DFM500		\$11,100,00	\$13,000	\$2,800	\$1,400
1		SERIAL# 36019A-08; WING COMMON CONVEYOR, DFM500	3 sections	\$17,300.00	\$20,000	\$4,300.	\$2,200
15	501,00000000000000000000000000000000000	SERIAL# 36019A-09; WING COMMON CONVEYOR. DFM500	3 sections	\$14,540.00	\$17,000	\$3,600	\$1,800
ZU.	4853	SERIAL# 36019-10; SKIN INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	2 sections	\$9,460.00	\$11,000	\$2,400	\$1,200
2		SERIAL# 36019A-1ZA, 128; TENDER/BREAST INCLINE CONYEYOR, DFM500		\$21,360.00	\$25,000	\$5,300	\$2,700
1		SERIAL# 36019A-13; CARCASS COMMON CONVEYOR, DFM500		\$12,200.00	\$14,000	\$3,100	\$1,600
		SERIAL# 36019A-14 TENDER/BREAST INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	Photo shows 36019A- 14 which is one incline and two S- curves, also shows 36019A-X44 incline	\$26,895.00	\$31,000	\$6,700	\$3,400
8		TENDER/BREAST CONVEYORS, SERIAL# 36019A-15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 15E, 15F, 15G, 15H	This line item represents 8 conveyor lines when installed. (22) segments on site.	\$132,480.00	\$152,000	\$33,100	\$16,600
1		SERIAL# 36019A-17; FEED CONVEYOR, DFM500	2 sections	\$9,400.00	\$11,000	\$2,400	\$1,200
4	4831	SERIAL# 36019A-CHUTE, DFC378 (NO ID TAG) SERIAL# 36019A-19A, 19B, 19C, 19D; EMPLOYEE	Not Found	\$430.00 \$24,600.00	\$470 \$27,000	\$6,200	\$3,100
. 1197 - 41		STANDS, DFMPM179					

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QUANTITY	PHOTO NUMBER	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	INSPECTION NOTES	COST AS SHOWN BY INVOICE	FAIR MARKET VALUE - INSTALLED DAY ONE YEAR ONE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	ORDERLY EIQUIDATION VALU
4	4818, 4819	SERIAL# 36019A-21A, 21B, 21C, 21D; EMPLOYEE CROSSOVER STANDS, DFMPM179		\$7,490.00	\$8,000	\$1,900	\$1,000
1	4804, 4805	SERIAL# 36019A-24; S-36019-X5; TRIM INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500		\$10,580.00	\$12,000	\$2,600	\$1,300
	4844, 4838, 4843		FULL BOX CONVEYORS there were 13 sections of the Full Box conveyor on hand. Many sections do not have a manufacturer ID plate installed				
1	4825	SERIAL# 36019A-26; FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900	2 sections	\$14,100.00	\$16,000	\$2,800	\$1,400
1		SERIAL#36019A-28; FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900	No ID plate found	\$8,930.00	\$10,000	\$1,800	\$900
. 1 S	4830	SERIAL#36019A-29; FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900	2-sections	\$5,220,00	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$500
2	4839	SERIAL# 36019A-31A, 31B; FULL BOX CONVEYORS, DFKPC900		\$13,420.00	\$15,000	\$2,700	\$1,400
2	4837	SERIAL# 36019A-32A, 32B; FULL BOX CONVEYORS. DFKPC900		\$15,640.00	\$18,000	\$3,100	\$1,600
1		SERIAL# 36019A-37; FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFM500	No ID plate found	\$8,180.00	\$9,000	\$1,600	\$800
1	4841	SERIAL# 36019A-39; FULL BOX SPUR CONVEYOR, DFFBS301		\$7,600.00	\$9,000	\$1,500	\$800
1	4840	SERIAL# 36019A-43, FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DEKPC900		\$14,295.00	\$16,000	\$2,900	\$1,500
1	4827	SERIAL# 36019A-44, FULL BOX CONVEYOR, DFKPC900		\$17,440.00	\$20,000	\$3,500	\$1,800
8		SERIAL# 36019A-34A, 34B, 34C, 34D, 34E, 34F, 34G, 34H; TOTE STANDS, DFMS380; PERSONNEL WORK STANDS, (NO ID TAGS)	complete with the yellow plastic grate surfaces	\$1,800.00	\$2,000	\$500	5300
7		SERIAL# 36019A-35A, 35B, 35C, 35D, 35E, 35F, 35G; GRAVITY CONVEYORS, DEGRSO (NO ID TAGS)	Only (5) conveyors were found.	\$3,780.00	\$4,000	\$1,100	\$600
2		SERIAL# 36019A-45A, 45B, 90° GRAVITY CONVEYORS, DFGR50-90 (NO ID TAGS)	Not Found	\$2,200.00	\$3,000		
1 /	4813	SERIAL# 36019A-X44 TENDER/BREAST CONVEYOR		\$17,275.00	\$20,000	\$5,200	\$2,600
2		SERIAL# 36019A-X24, EMPLOYEE STANDS		\$3,000.00	\$3,000	\$900	\$500
		SERIAL# 36019-X6-5; NUGGET INCLINE OVER DSI CONVEYOR, DFM500	2-sections	\$5,900.00	\$7,000	\$1,800	\$900
		SERIAL# 36019-X4-5; FINISHED PRODUCT INCLINE CONVEYOR, DFM500	2-sections	\$9,700.00	\$11,000	\$2,900	\$1,500
4	4845	SERIAL# 36019A-X8; WING SAWS	Two units are missing their motors.	\$5,800.00	\$7,000	\$1,200	\$600
1		SERIAL# 36019A-X43A, X43B DOUBLE CONE LINE FRAME - NO CONES PURCHASED OR INSTALLED	3-sections	\$34,860.00	\$40,000	\$12,200	\$6,000
1	4868	SERIAL# 36019A-7A, 7B INCLINE CONVEYOR		\$10,000.00	\$12,000	\$3,000	\$1,500
		90 DEGREE TURNS, (5) STRAIGHT SECTIONS	This equipment was never installed. Plastic belting has been outside since at least spring of 2006.	\$12,232.50	\$12,233	\$3,700	\$1,900

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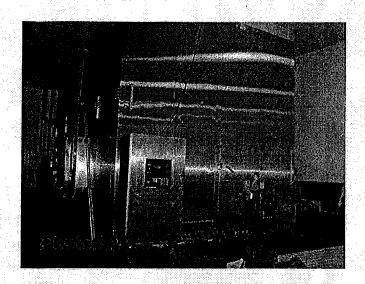
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	4846	SERIAL# 36019A-X42 EMPLOYEE STAND		\$5,450.00	\$6,000	\$1,600	\$800
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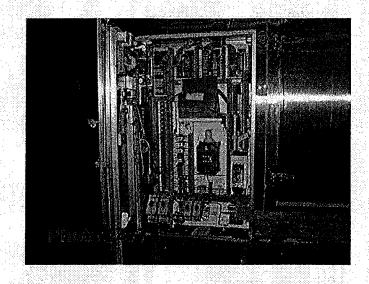


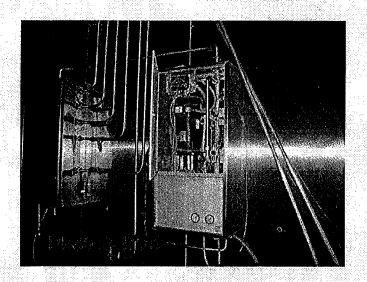
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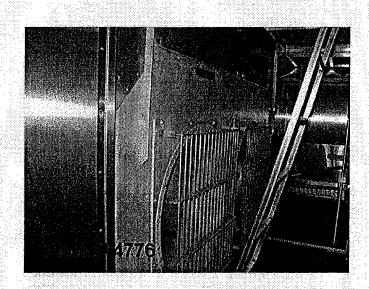
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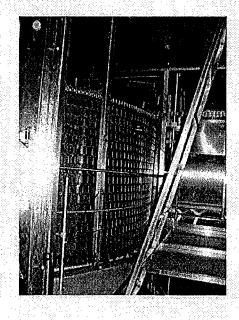
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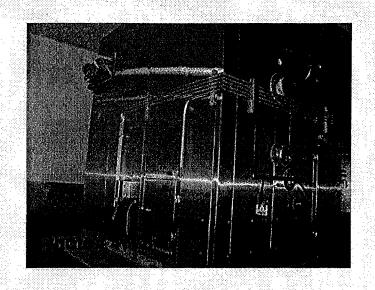


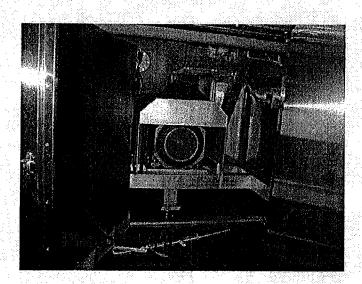


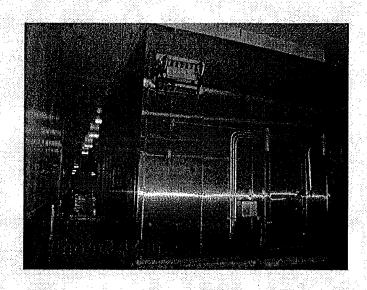




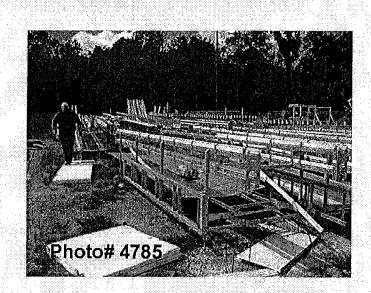


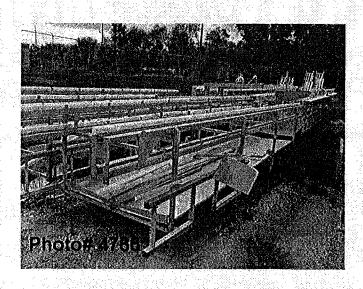


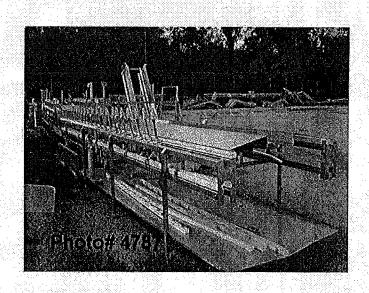


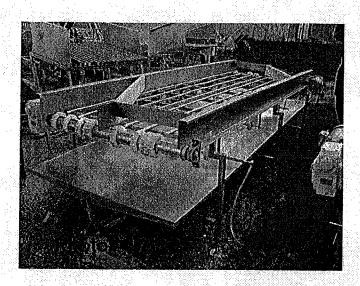


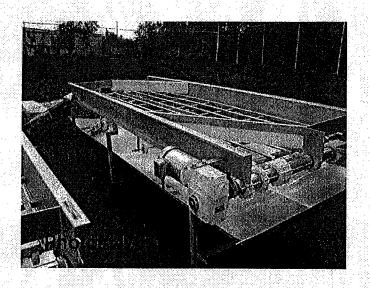


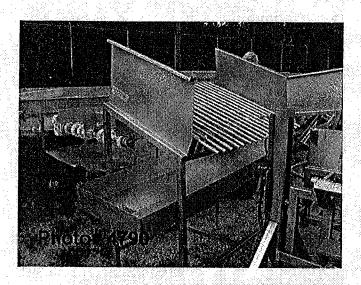


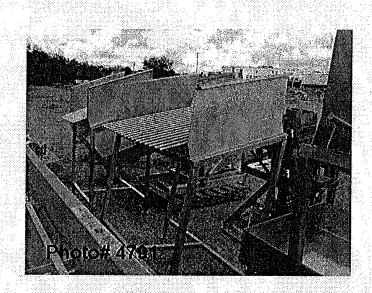


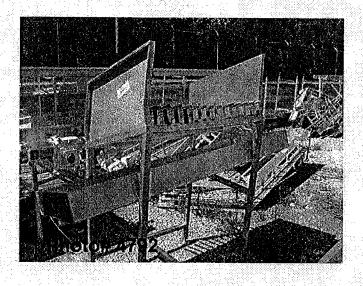


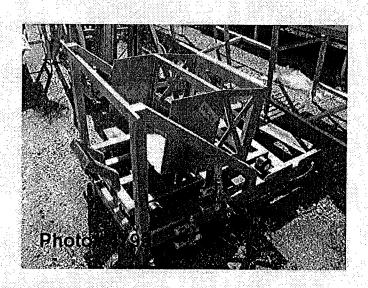


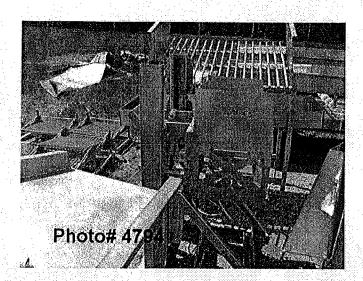


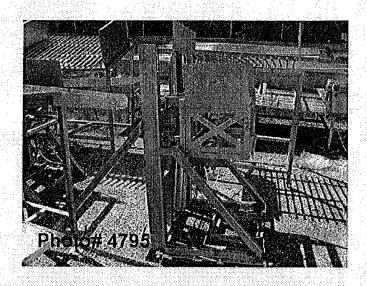


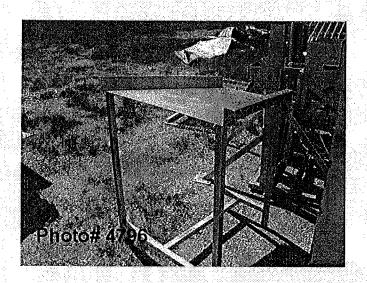


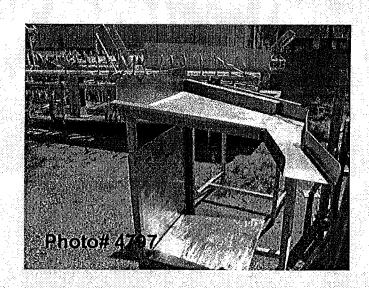


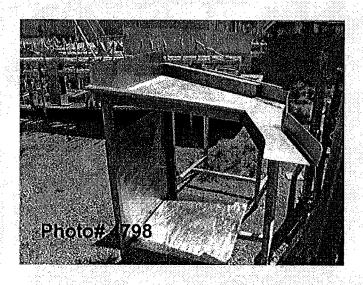




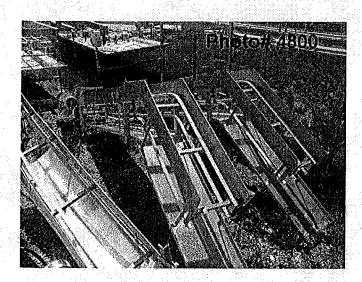










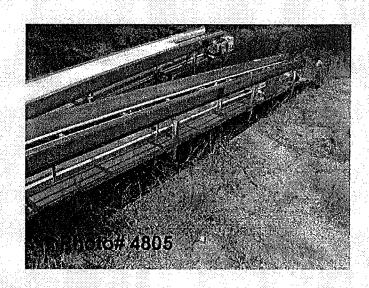


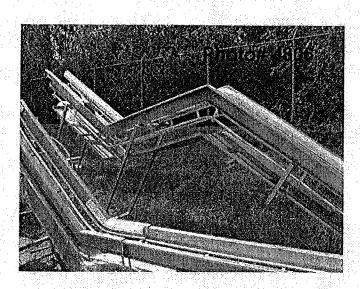


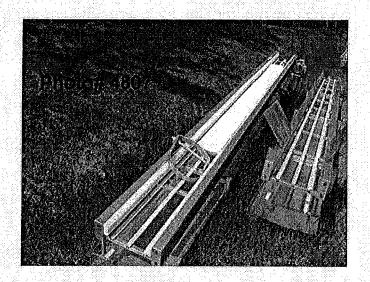


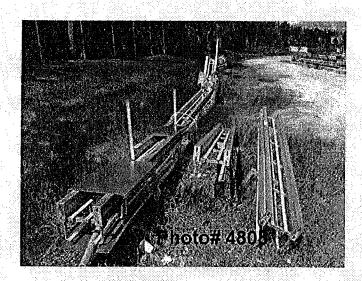


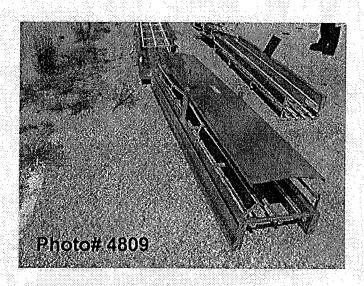


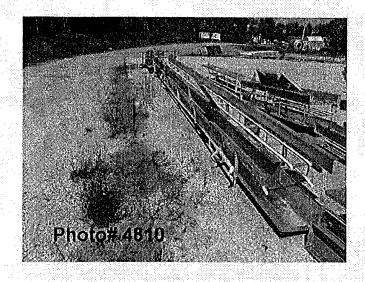




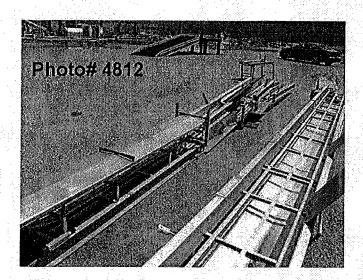




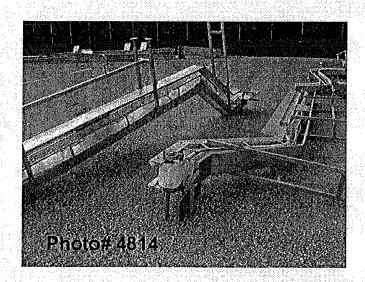


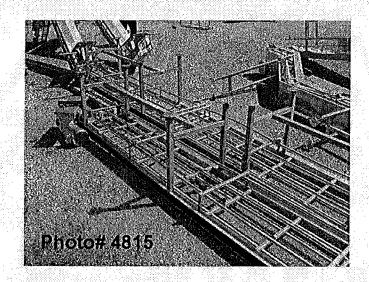


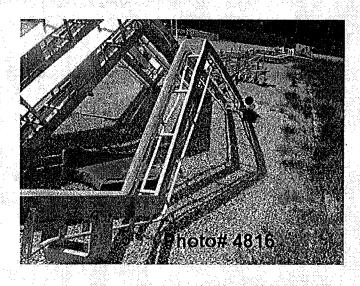


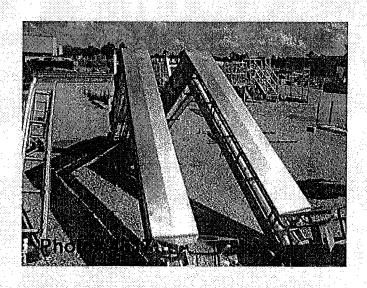


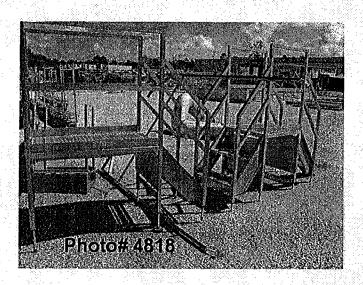




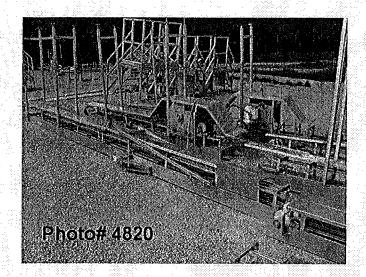


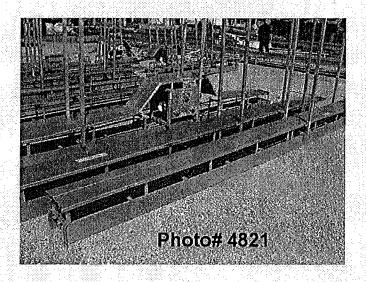


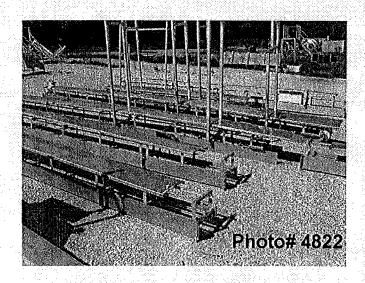


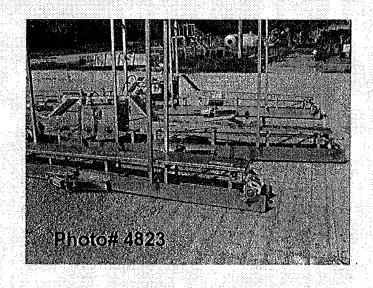




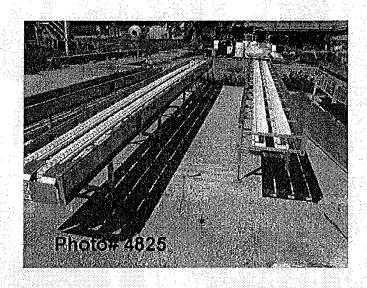


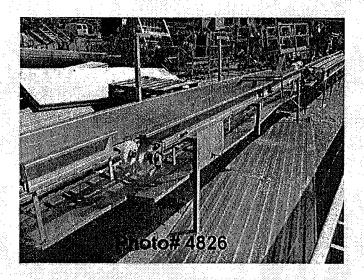


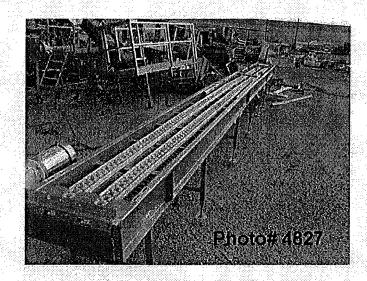


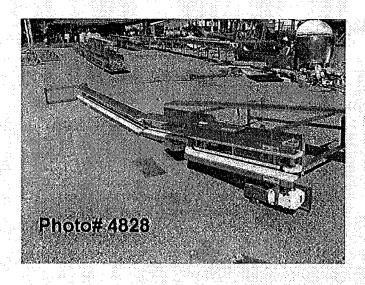


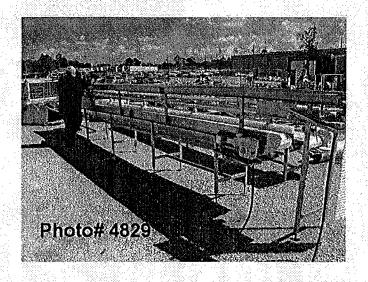


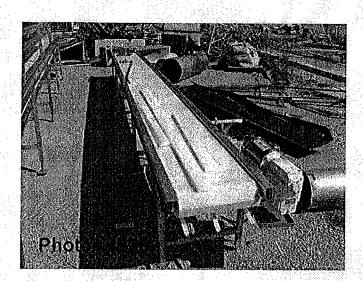




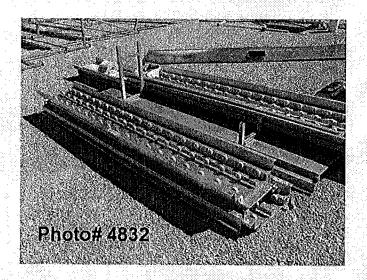


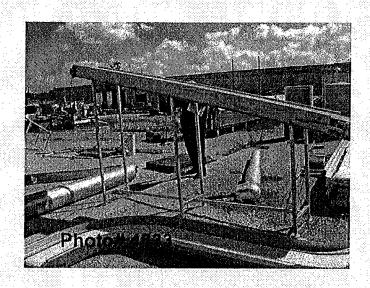


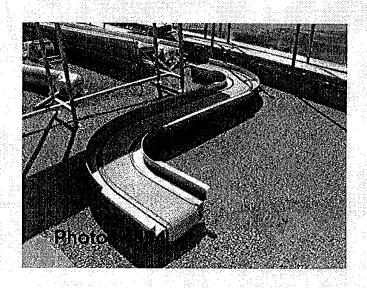


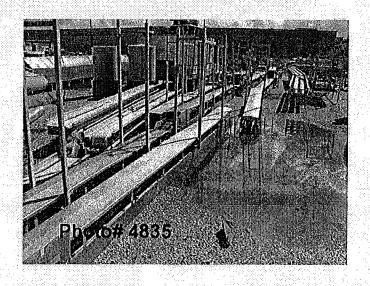




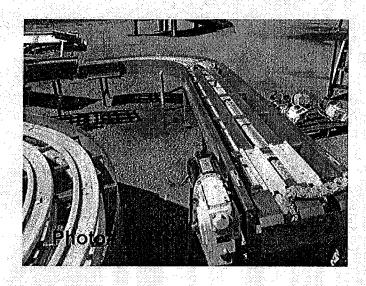


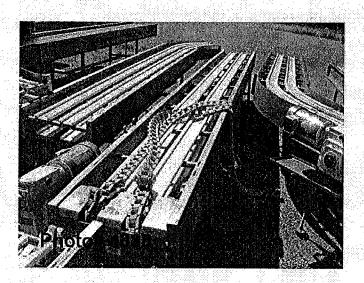




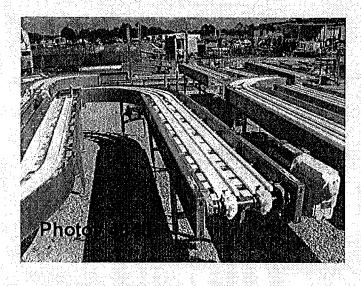


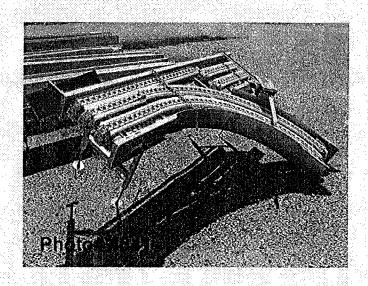


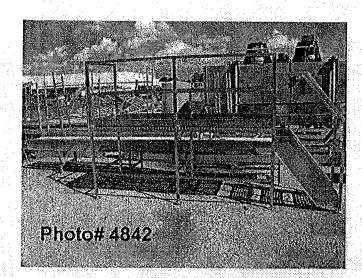


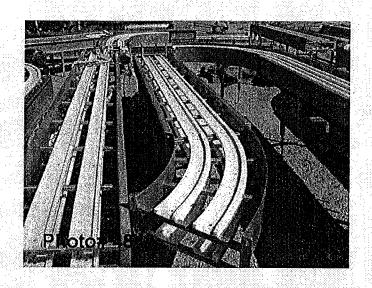


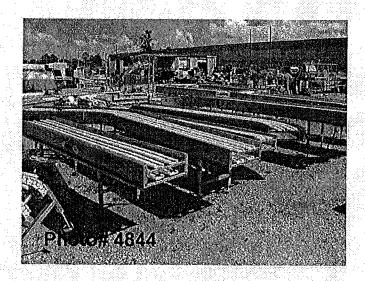




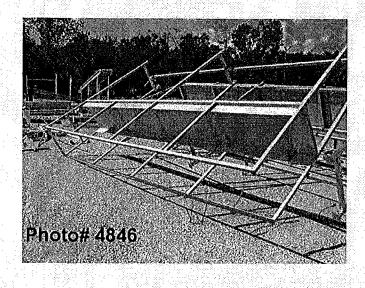








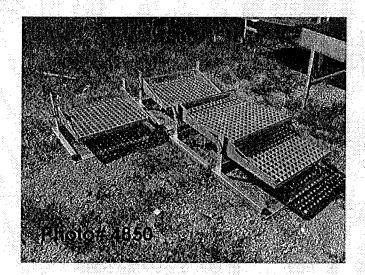


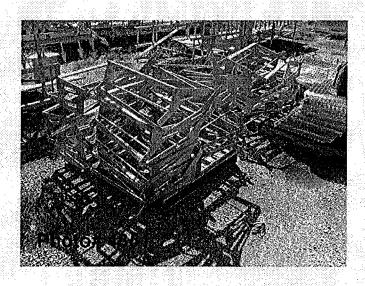




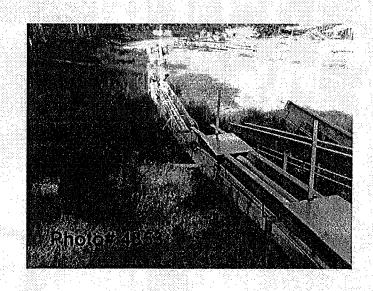


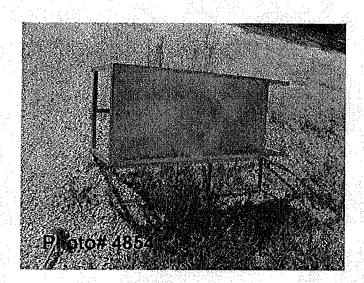


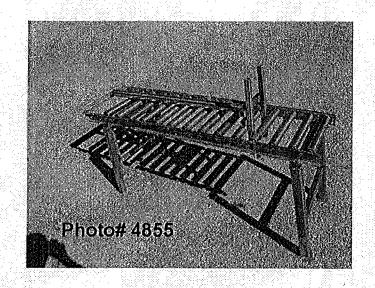


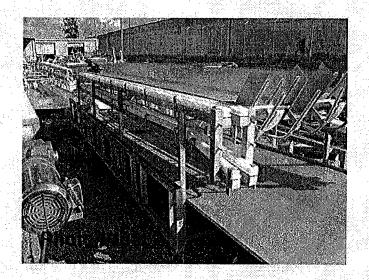


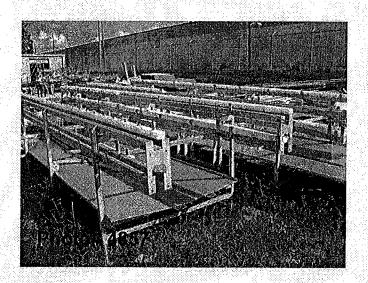


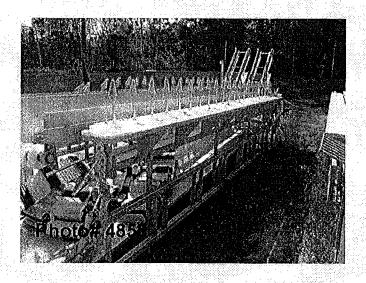


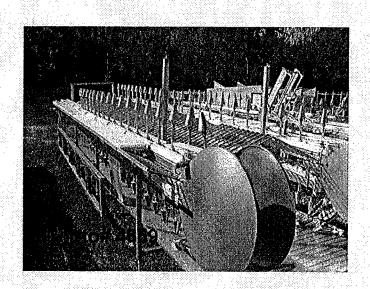


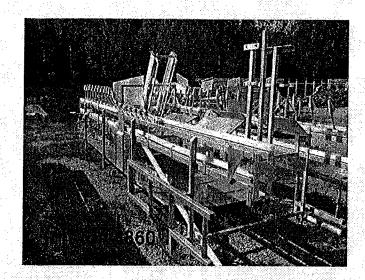


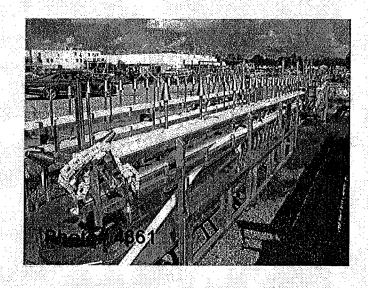


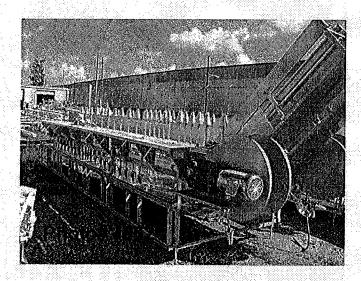








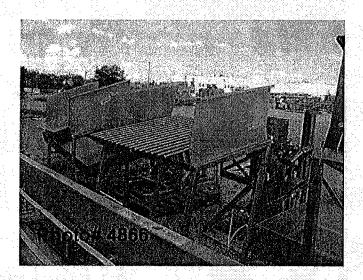


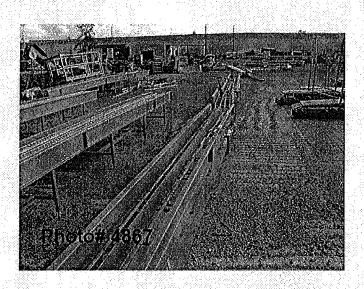


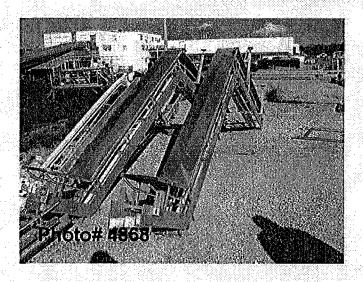


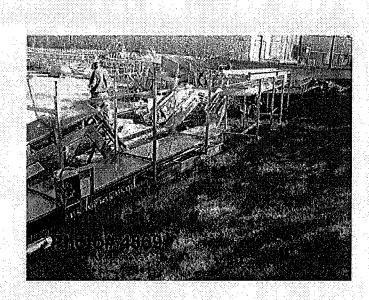














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APPRAISER'S QUALIFICATIONS

Robert Breakstone, President



Experience:

Mr. Robert Breakstone, CSA, CEA our Senior Appraiser, has been President of Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. since 1989. Our firm has been in the "used equipment" business since 1979. Having "grown up" in the process business, Robert has a wealth of experience in many facets of food production. He has toured many production plants in United States, Provinces of Canada as well as Puerto Rico and Central America.

Equipment Exchange Company specializes in buying, selling and evaluating meat process, baking, beverage, frozen foods, vegetable, dry goods and related food products and equipment. We also have extensive database of sales history for our in-house sales comparisons.

Education:

Mr. Robert Breakstone received his Bachelors Degree from Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA in 1982. In 2001, Mr. Breakstone received his Certificate of Achievement for completing the American Society of Appraiser's (ASA) course in *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* (USPAP) and as per AMEA's regulations Mr. Breakstone successfully completed the 7-hour USPAP Course in October 2006.

Memberships:

Professional Memberships:

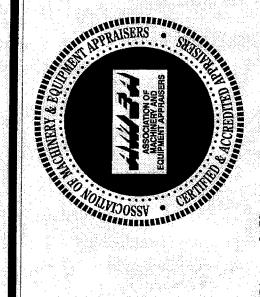
- Equipment Appraisers Association on North America (EAANA) Status: Certified Senior Appraiser (CSA).
- Association of Machinery and Equipment Appraisers (AMEA) Status: Certified Equipment Appraiser (CEA).
- 3) American Society of Appraisers (ASA) Status: Candidate Member

Association Memberships:

Equipment Exchange Company of America, Inc. is a current member of Machinery Dealers National Association (MDNA) of the Equipment Leasing Association (ELA) American Meat Institute (AMI) as well as North American Meat Processors (NAAMP) and American Association of Meat Processors (AAMP).

Certification:

In 2002, Mr. Breakstone completed and has been accepted by the Association of Machinery and Equipment Appraisers (AMEA) as a Certified Equipment Appraiser (CEA). In 2005, Mr. Breakstone completed the requirements for Certified Senior Appraiser (CSA) status in Equipment Appraisers Association of North America. These certifications require acceptance to conform in all respects to the designated Codes of Ethics, the appropriate Standards and Procedures of Professional Appraisal Ethics and Practice, certification in *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice* (USPAP) as well written exams, submittal of an appraisals for review and acceptance, as well as a minimum of five years of appraisal experience. Both designations dictate on-going requirements to maintain accreditation.



Certificate of Completion for

Robert Breakstone

who attended the class and successfully completed the AMEA 7 Hour Refresher Course

Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Detroit, Michigan October 13, 2006

AMEA President



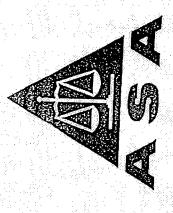
Certified Machinery and Equipment **Appraiser**

Recognition Is Hereby Granted To

Robert Breakstone

by the Association of Machinery and Equipment Appraisers for the period

October 1, 2004 — September 30, 2005



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The American Society of Appraisers

555 Hemdon Parkway, Suite 125, Hemdon, VA 20170

Presents this

Certificate of Achievement

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Robert J. Breakstone

who has attended the class and successfully completed the exam for the American Society of Appraisers' 15-hour course SE100: National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP)



Richard T. Roche, ASA Internal

July 2001

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to

Robert J. Breakstone

the American Society of Appraisers: 30-hour course who has taken the class and successfully completed

ME2010L: Introduction to Machinery and Equipmen Valuation - Available August and October 2002



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Exhibit B

Deposition of David Bromley November 27, 2007

Page 38 Page 40 Q. The conveyor belts that were never used, when 1 1 A. Bolted to the floor. Anchored to the floor. 2 were they first moved into the yard? 2 Q. Was it done in the same manner that the 3 3 A. At the same time the other equipment was taken previously removed equipment --4 out, I believe. It showed up on site, and it 4 A. Yes. 5 5 sat out in front of the plant. And eventually Q. So there was a bolt that was bolted through the 6 we moved it to the back with all the rest of the 6 epoxy floor into the concrete floor underneath, 7 7 correct? equipment. 8 8 Q. I'm a little unclear. This stuff arrived when? A. That's correct. 9 A. Probably early 2006, January, something like 9 Q. And the installed deboning equipment was 10 installed in the same fashion as the previously 10 11 removed ConAgra equipment had been installed, Q. And at that point there were certain conveyor 11 12 belts of the deboning line that were not 12 correct? installed and never have been, correct? 13 13 A. That's correct. 14 A. That's correct. 14 Q. Has the spiral freezer ever been used by 15 Q. For a time did they sit inside the facility in 15 Sylvest? A. No. It was never completed. The installation 16 line? 16 17 A. No, sir. 17 was never completed. Q. Did they sit in crates? 18 18 Q. Has the spiral freezer ever been used by Koch 19 A. They weren't -- never were in crates. 19 Foods? 20 Q. So they came and they were just kind of shoved 20 A. No, sir. 21 21 off to the side? Q. When you say it wasn't completed -- the 22 installation was not completed, in what way was 22 A. We took them -- unloaded them off the truck 23 to --23 it not completed? Page 39 Page 41 Q. Put them inside? 1 A. Mike Leonard's part was complete. He put the 1 2 machine in. The refrigeration was never tied to 2 A. -- be installed later. 3 No. We left them outside. We unloaded them 3 it and the electrical was never finished. 4 Q. And why is that? 4 and left them right outside where we unloaded 5 them. 5 A. Bankruptcy. 6 Q. I see. 6 Q. When you say bankruptcy, you mean the bankruptcy 7 7 And they never went inside the building? filed by Sylvest? 8 A. By Sylvest, yes. That's correct. 8 A. No. 9 Q. The other portion of the deboning equipment that 9 Q. Were you involved in any way in the negotiation 10 of the sale of the D & F equipment to Sylvest? 10 was installed, tell me how that was installed. 11 A. Of course, we had to remove everything that was 11 Strike that. 12 Were you involved in negotiating the price? 12 in there, but then -- and got the floor done and then just bringing everything in and fastening 13 13 A. Yes. 14 it down. You had to line it all up, bolt it 14 Q. And you did this with Lenny --15 A. Lenny Ferguson. 15 together. Everything ties together like a freeway system. All the product falls on the 16 Q. Were you involved in the documentation regarding 16 17 that lease? 17 conveyors. 18 Q. So --18 A. I didn't have anything to do with it being 19 leased, no, if that's what you're asking. 19 A. So as these other conveyors were put in, all the 20 pans had to be welded to it. Everything was all 20 Q. Thank you. That was a bad question. 21 You purchased it from D & F, but it was done 21 tied together. 22 22 Q. And how was the machinery, in fact, fastened to in the form of a lease from GE Capital. Is that

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Page 42 Page 44 A. That's correct. 1 1 A. No. 2 Q. Were you involved in the documentation of the 2 Q. How long did Koch Foods use the deboning 3 3 lease from GE Capital to Sylvest? equipment? 4 A. No. I had nothing to do with the GE Capital 4 A. I'm trying to think of when we took it out. I 5 5 would guess it was probably about nine months. side. 6 Q. And when was it removed? 6 Q. Have you ever seen the lease? 7 7 A. No, sir. A. About four months ago, something like that. 8 Q. Were you ever asked to review the lease? 8 Three or four months ago. 9 9 A. No. Q. So early summer of 2007? A. I would say that's right. 10 Q. Now, when did Sylvest -- did Sylvest ever use 10 any part of the deboning line? 11 Q. Was it continuously used by Koch Foods from the 11 12 12 time that Koch Foods took over from Sylvest in A. Yes. Q. When did it first begin using it? 13 the late spring or early summer of 2006 until 13 A. Around the end of -- I don't remember the exact 14 the time that it was removed nine or ten months 14 15 date, but the end of 2005, beginning of 2006. 15 later? Q. And when I say use it, I mean they started 16 A. Yes. 16 17 Q. Was any rent paid by Koch Foods to GE for that 17 deboning chickens. 18 equipment? Do you know? 18 A. That's correct. 19 Q. How long did they use it -- did Sylvest use it? 19 A. I do not know. 20 A. Until the sale to Koch. 20 Q. I want to talk to you about the decision to 21 21 Q. And when was that? remove the equipment, not the actual removal --22 22 A. I believe it was May or June 2006. we'll get to that -- but the decision to remove Q. At that time you and certain other Sylvest 23 it. When did you first learn that Koch Foods 23 Page 43 Page 45 employees were hired by Koch; is that right? 1 was thinking about removing the equipment? 1 2 A. That's correct. 2 A. Probably about three weeks before it actually 3 Q. And did there ever come a time during that 3 happened. transition from Sylvest to Koch where the 4 4 Q. And how did you learn? 5 A. I was told that it was going to happen and to go deboning line portion that was being used was 5 6 not being used? 6 ahead and set up the contractors to put 7 A. No. It was pretty much seamless. We just kept 7 everything together to get that change done. 8 8 Q. And from whom did you learn this? 9 Q. So you never missed a day or anything? 9 A. I believe it was Gary Davis, who was the complex 10 10 A. No. manager at that time. 11 Q. You just kept doing it every day and the 11 Q. And he's now been replaced by ... ownership changed, correct? 12 12 A. David Massey. A. That's correct. Q. Were you involved in the decision to do that or 13 13 14 Q. Are you aware of any demands by Koch Foods that 14 were you just instructed --15 GE Capital remove the deboning equipment? 15 A. No, sir. No, sir. 16 Q. You weren't involved in the decision? A. No. 16 Q. Did you make any? 17 17 A. No. 18 Q. Did you ask Mr. Davis why you were being asked 18 A. No. Q. Have you ever talked to anybody from GE Capital? 19 19 to make the change? 20 A. No. 20 A. No, sir. 21 21 Q. Are you aware of any demands by Koch Foods that Q. Did you talk to anybody else besides Mr. Davis 22 about the decision to make the change? 22 GE Capital pay it rent for either the spiral 23 freezer or the deboning equipment? 23 A. No.

Exhibit C

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1	Mr. Bellesheim specifics about the case, the claim of	1	Q The monthly rent under the lease?
2	conversion, Koch's claim of these being fixtures that	2	A Right.
3	it now owns or anything like that?	3	Q And that included all the equipment under the
4	A I think I can answer that in part. The	4	lease?
5	specifics being that I discussed with them really was	5	A That is correct.
6	just being how the case was updates on how the case	6	Q By this time, had GE already sold the Ossid
7	was progressing. As far as your second half of that,	7	equipment?
8	fixtures, no, I don't think we discussed that.	8	A Yes, we did.
9	(Whereupon, Koch Deposition Exhibit	9	
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10	No. 12 marked for identification.)	10	Ossid equipment, are you?
11	Q Exhibit 12. This is a letter from Ann Pille	11	A No, I don't know if they did or not.
12	to me. Have you seen this document before?	12	Q Have you ever been told by anybody that
13	A Yes, I have.	13	almost all of the Ossid equipment had remained on skids
14	Q Okay. Is this the document that you	14	unwrapped at the Sylvest plant?
15	understand where GE's Counsel demanded that Koch stop	15	A I don't recall.
16	using the equipment?	16	Q Explain to me how if GE had already been
17	A I'm not finding it in this letter	17	given back the Ossid equipment and it sold the Ossid
18	specifically. It might be there, but I'm just reading.	18	equipment, what was the basis for GE then demanding
19	I don't see the specific wording where we say stop	19	that Koch pay rent for eight or nine months for the
20	using the equipment. If you see it, point it out to	20	Ossid equipment?
21	me.	21	A Honestly, it was just an error. It should
22	Q I'm asking you because you said you know your	22	have been prorated out.
23	Counsel made a demand, and I'm not sure that I have	23	Q What about that you were demanding that GE
24	ever seen it, so I didn't know if this might have been	24	pay rent for the freezer. What was GE's reasoning for
25	the letter you were referring to. I see there is a	25	asking Koch to pay rent for a freezer it hadn't used?
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4	de-bone line, the monthly rental amount for just the	4	Q And what is this?
5	de-bone equipment that Koch had been using, how much	5	A This is a finance proposal to Koch Foods for
6	would that have been per month for Koch?	6	a loan on the Ossid equipment.
7	A I don't know. I would have to do a	7	Q This is for the Ossid equipment that was
8	percentage calculation.	8	eventually sold. I think this proposal is for one
9	Q Did you ever tell Koch what that amount would	9	shrink line, but both lines were eventually sold to
10	be?	10	Peco, correct?
11	A For just the de-bone line?	11	A I think so.
12	Q Yes.	12	Q Did you discuss the Peco transaction with
13	A No.	13	Mr. Perry or anyone else at GE?
14	(Whereupon, Koch Deposition Exhibit	14	A No. Just with Joe DiSalvo.
15	No. 13 marked for identification.)	15	Q What did you discuss with Mr. DiSalvo about
16	Q Can you identify Koch Exhibit 13 for me?	16	the Peco sale?
17	A It doesn't look familiar to me.	17	A The only discussions I really had was that if
18	Q You don't recall receiving this from	18	it had sold and for how much it was sold for, and that
19	Mr. Reich?	19	was it.
20	A No.	20	Q Did you ever attempt to reconcile or compare
21	Q Do you know who Jonathan Reich is?	21	the prices for Peco equipment against the valuation
22	A Other than how he is listed on this form, no,	22	that Mr. Breakstone had given you?
23	I don't.	23	A I was not involved in that, no.
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2	from the building is what I was told.	2	Did Mr. Wilson say anything to you
3	Q. Did Koch to your knowledge ever do	3	that GE was seeking more in damages from Koch
4	anything to prevent you from selling or	4	than the price you had agreed to sell the
5	remarketing the freezer?	5	freezer for?
6	A. I don't recall them doing anything	6	A. No. Just that Koch was using the
7	one way or another. I was just told by	7	equipment for a several-month period and hasn't
8	litigation that the freezer could not be sold.	8	paid anything on it.
9	Q. Who told you that?	9	Q. Regarding that use of the
10	A. Bill Wilson.	10	equipment, you mean the debone line?
11	Q. When did he tell you that?	11	A. Yes, sir.
12	A. Slightly after I got the deposit	12	Q. Did Mr. Wilson tell you that he
13	from Mr. Leonard, whenever that date is.	13	demanded or ever made a demand that Koch stop
14	Q. How did your conversation with	14	using the equipment?
15	Mr. Wilson come about that he knew to come to	15	A. No.
16	you to tell you they're not selling the	16	Q. Has anybody ever told you that
17	equipment? Did you tell him hey, I have a buyer	17	anyone from GE at any time told Koch to stop
18	for the freezer?	18	using the equipment?
19	 A. I probably went to him and said I 	19	A. Not that I recall.
20	have a buyer for the freezer.	20	Q. Okay.
21	Q. And then he responded you can't	21	Mr. Hanley mentioned earlier today
22	sell it?	22	of you that when Koch removed the debone lines
23	A. You can't sell it. Let's try and	23	from the plant and put them on its parking lot,
24	work something out, we have to work something	24	that he thought that would have devalued the
25	out with Koch.	25	equipment. Do you have any view on that
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1	J. DiSalvo/Geekie	1	J. DiSalvo/Geekie
2	Q. What did you understand him to	2	subject?
3	mean when he said let's try and work something	3	A. Absolutely. Equipment installed
4	out with Koch?	4	and in use has a huge difference than something
5	A. All I can tell you is that I	5	sitting out in the parking lot, exposed to
6	assume I hate to say that word but I would	6	weather, not de-installed properly, not
7	assume that there was something going on with	7	photographed, not videoed.
8	the other piece of equipment because I was	8	Q. Do you have any information on
9	always under the assumption that Koch was taking	9	whether or not the equipment when it was removed
10	the deboning line and that it was going to	10	wasn't de-installed properly?
11	purchase that or refinancing that with us.	11	A. I have no knowledge of that, no.
12	Q. And it's the debone lines that you	12	Q. And the equipment that's on the
13	refer to when you say the other piece of	13	parking lot right now, do you know whether or
14	equipment?	14	not it's covered?
15	A. Yes.	15	A. No, no idea.
16	Q. Did Mr. Wilson say anything to you	16	Q. And this deboning equipment,
17	when you told him the price or that you were	17	you're aware, aren't you, that it's intended for
18	selling the equipment that the price was too	18	use in a cold, wet environment inside the plant,
19	low?	19	aren't you?
20	A. On the freezer?	20	A. One could assume so. Chickens
21	Q. On the freezer, yes.	21	were going to be cold and wet when they're being
22	A. No, not that the price was too	22	deboned.
23	low. Just that we couldn't accept it because of	23	Q. Does it help to maintain the value
24	a pending lawsuit.	24	of the equipment, then, when it is installed in
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25	Q. Okay.	25	the plant?

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2	electronic file from the original deal.	2	activity on it and had no potential customers on
3	Q. Did you ever have any discussions	3	it that we would sell it to him for 50.
4	with Mr. Leonard about what his original price	4	Q. How long of a period of time did
5	that he paid for the spiral freezer was?	5	this conversation or negotiation take place?
6	A. No.	6	Was it a few days, a few weeks, a few months?
7	Q. In your conversations with	7	A. Well, he had been calling me since
8	Mr. Leonard did you have an understanding or did	8	we tried to sell the freezer so since the spring
9	you know that he had been the party or his	9	of 2006, late spring I guess, June or July, he
10	company had been the party that had originally	10	had been calling me until we put a document
11	sold the spiral freezer to Sylvest?	11	together, which I don't recall what the date is
12	A. Yes.	12	but I'm sure you've got it in here somewhere.
13	Q. Or sold it to GE for lease to	13	That's how long the conversation
14	Sylvest?	14	happened. It was over a period of several
15	A. Yes.	15	months before we actually put an offer on the
16	Q. But he didn't tell you what he	16	table, and I would say within a week or two we
17	originally paid for it?	17	settled and he sent me a deposit check.
18	A. No, he did not.	18	Q. That you cashed. Correct?
19	Q. Describe for me how your	19	A. Yes.
20	transaction with Mr. Leonard came about or your	20	Q. How long after receiving that
21	incomplete transaction with Mr. Leonard came	21	deposit check, then, did you have your
22	about.	22	conversation with Mr. Wilson where he said we
23	A. Well, he called me and inquired	23	can't sell it?
24	whether or not we would be interested in selling	24	A. Right away afterwards.
25	the freezer initially, and he indicated to me	25	Q. Within a week?
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION VED

KOCH FOODS OF ALABAMA, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company,) 2001 JUN 13 A 11: 45
Plaintiff,	
v. GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL	() () () Case No. <u>2:07C</u> V 522-MHT
CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, Defendant.	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND FOR UNJUST ENRICHMENT AND COUNTERCLAIM FOR CONVERSION

Now comes Defendant General Electric Capital Corporation ("GE Capital") and files its Answer to Plaintiff Koch Foods of Alabama, LLC's ("Koch Foods") Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and for Unjust Enrichment (the "Complaint") and Counterclaim for Conversion (the "Counterclaim") against Koch Foods. In support thereof, GE Capital states as follows:

ANSWER

- 1. GE Capital admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint.
- 2. GE Capital admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint.
- 3. Paragraph 3 of the Complaint contains only a legal contention requiring no response; therefore, GE Capital makes none.
- 4. Paragraph 4 of the Complaint contains only a legal contention requiring no response; therefore, GE Capital makes none.
 - 5. GE Capital admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint.

- 6. GE Capital admits that Koch Foods was not originally a party to the Equipment Lease and denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint.
 - 7. GE Capital admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint.
 - 8. GE Capital admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint.
 - 9. GE Capital admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint.
 - 10. GE Capital admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint.
- 11. GE Capital admits that Koch Foods did not assume the Equipment Lease under the terms of the Bankruptcy Court Order and denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Complaint.
- 12. GE Capital states that Koch Foods was aware since a time well prior to the date of the Bankruptcy Court Order (May 26, 2006) that the Equipment was owned by GE Capital as lessor under the Equipment Lease and denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint.
- 13. GE Capital denies that it has demanded that Koch Foods pay rental charges (other than in the context of pre-litigation settlement negotiations in which the potential amount of such charges was discussed) and states that GE Capital has demanded that Koch Foods pay the value of items and units of the Equipment converted by Koch Foods, as is more particularly alleged in the Counterclaim, and denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint.
 - 14. GE Capital denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
- 15. GE Capital restates its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 14 of the Complaint as its answer to Paragraph 15 of the Complaint.
 - 16. GE Capital admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint.

17. GE Capital admits that it is the owner of the Equipment as lessor under the Equipment Lease and denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of the Complaint.

WHEREFORE, GE Capital prays that this Court deny Koch Foods all relief under Count I of the Complaint.

- 18. GE Capital restates its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 17 of the Complaint as its answer to Paragraph 18 of the Complaint.
 - 19. GE Capital admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Complaint.
- 20. GE Capital reaffirms and restates its answer to Paragraph 13 of the Complaint as its answer to Paragraph 20 of the Complaint.

WHEREFORE, GE Capital prays that this Court deny Koch Foods all relief under Count II of the Complaint.

- 21. GE Capital restates its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 20 of the Complaint as its answer to Paragraph 21 of the Complaint.
 - 22. This paragraph does not require a response.
 - 23. GE Capital denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 of the Complaint.
 - 24. GE Capital denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of the Complaint.
 - 25. GE Capital denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of the Complaint.

WHEREFORE, GE Capital prays that this Court deny Koch Foods all relief under Count III of the Complaint.

- 26. GE Capital restates its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 25 of the Complaint as its answer to Paragraph 26 of the Complaint.
 - 27. This paragraph does not require a response.

- 28. GE Capital denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 28 of the Complaint.
- 29. GE Capital denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 29 of the Complaint.
- 30. GE Capital denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of the Complaint.

WHEREFORE, GE Capital prays that this Court deny Koch Foods all relief under Count IV of the Complaint.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST DEFENSE

Koch Foods' Complaint, and each and every count therein, fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

Except as expressly admitted herein, GE Capital denies all allegations contained in Koch Foods' Complaint.

THIRD DEFENSE

Koch Foods' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the doctrine of unclean hands or failure to do equity.

FOURTH DEFENSE

Koch Foods' claims are barred pursuant to the equitable doctrines of judicial estoppel, equitable estoppel, and/or collateral estoppel.

FIFTH DEFENSE

Koch Foods' claims are barred pursuant to the doctrines of waiver and laches.

SIXTH DEFENSE

Koch Foods' claims, in whole or in part, are barred by lack of standing or lack of capacity.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

Koch Foods is not entitled to a possessory lien from GE Capital under Alabama law.

EIGHTH DEFENSE

GE Capital denies that Koch Foods is entitled to damages of the nature, type, and amount sought in the Complaint.

NINTH DEFENSE

To the extent that discovery may show or demonstrate, Koch Foods, at all relevant times herein, failed to take reasonable action to mitigate the damages alleged in the Complaint.

TENTH DEFENSE

GE Capital hereby gives notice that it intends to rely upon such other affirmative or supplemental defenses as may become available or apparent during the course of discovery and thus reserves the right to amend its Answer to assert any such defenses.

COUNTERCLAIM

- 1. GE Capital is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business located in Stamford, Connecticut. At all times relevant hereto, GE Capital was in the business, <u>inter alia</u>, of leasing food processing equipment to food processors.
- 2. Koch Foods is a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of Alabama with its headquarters located in Park Ridge, Illinois, and a production facility located in Montgomery, Alabama. At all times relevant hereto, Koch Foods was in the business of processing and selling poultry products.

GE Capital's Lease of Equipment to Sylvest Farms

- 3. On or about December 29, 2005, GE Capital, as lessor, and Sylvest Farms, Inc. ("Sylvest Farms"), as lessee, entered into a Master Lease Agreement of that date (the "Master Lease"). Pursuant to the Master Lease, Sylvest Farms leased from GE Capital the food processing equipment and related items listed on Schedule No. 001 to the Master Lease ("Schedule 001"). Sylvest Farms took possession of the equipment listed on Schedule 001 at its chicken de-boning and processing facility located at 4530 Mobile Road, Montgomery, Alabama (the "Facility"), on or shortly after the date of the Master Lease. True and correct copies of the Master Lease and Schedule 001 are attached to the Complaint.
- 4. The equipment listed on Schedule 001 and leased by Sylvest Farms from GE Capital includes the following: Model 2006 de-boner with double cone lure, product conveyors, and loading bin; serial number 36019-01A; manufactured by D&F Equipment Sales; and having a capitalized lessor's cost of \$846,545.00 (collectively, the "Equipment").

The Bankruptcy and Sale of Sylvest Farms

- 5. On or about April 18, 2006, Sylvest Farms filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy in Case No. 06-40525-TBB11 (the "Bankruptcy Case") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Eastern Division (the "Bankruptcy Court").
- 6. Also on or about April 18, 2006, Sylvest Farms, as seller, and Koch Foods, as buyer, entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement of that date, which provided for the sale of substantially all of the assets of Sylvest Farms. This sale included the Facility.

- 7. On or about May 26, 2006, the Bankruptcy Court approved the Asset Purchase Agreement, and, at that time, Koch Foods purchased substantially all of the assets of Sylvest Farms.
- 8. On or about June 6, 2006, the Bankruptcy Court entered its Order Granting Debtors' Motion for Entry of Order Authorizing the Rejection of Certain Unexpired Leases and Executory Contracts (the "Rejection Order"). The Master Lease was rejected pursuant to the Rejection Order.

Conversion of the Equipment by Koch Foods

- 9. Following entry of the Rejection Order and the rejection of the Master Lease, GE Capital contacted Koch Foods regarding the need to relocate the Equipment from the Facility. Koch Foods advised GE Capital that it would not be necessary to relocate the Equipment at that time, and that it could remain stored at the Facility while GE Capital marketed it for resale.
- 10. Following entry of the Rejection Order and the rejection of the Master Lease, and without the consent of GE Capital, Koch Foods began using the Equipment for its own Specifically, Koch Foods began using the Equipment for the de-boning and processing of chicken. This included the use by Koch Foods of portions of the Equipment that were not previously in use by Sylvest, and indeed had not even been installed and made operational, at the time Koch Foods purchased the Facility.
 - 11. Koch Foods continues to use the Equipment.
- 12. Koch Foods has not made any payments to GE Capital for its continued and continuing use of the Equipment.

- 13. Koch Foods is currently exercising dominion and control over the Equipment inconsistent with the rights of GE Capital.
- 14. GE Capital owns the Equipment and has owned the Equipment at all times relevant hereto. At no time has GE Capital consented to use of the Equipment by Koch Foods.

15. Koch Foods has:

- (a) committed unauthorized acts by which GE Capital has been deprived of its personal property indefinitely;
- (b) made an unauthorized assumption or exercise of the right of ownership over personal chattels belonging to GE Capital through the alteration of their condition or the exclusion of GE Capital's rights;
- exercised dominion over property inconsistent with the rights of GE (c) Capital; and/or
- exercised unauthorized acts of dominion or ownership over property (d) belonging to GE Capital.
- 16. GE Capital has made demand upon Koch Foods for return and surrender of the Equipment, but, despite demand, Koch Foods failed to surrender the Equipment and instead used and converted it to its own purposes.
- 17. Koch Foods has knowingly violated GE Capital's rights in the Equipment and continues to do so.
- 18. In its conversion of the Equipment, Koch Foods has acted with legal malice, willfulness, insult, and/or other aggravated circumstances.

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19. Under controlling law, Koch Foods is liable to GE Capital for the value of the

Equipment as of the date of its conversion, the said amount being at or near its capitalized cost

of \$846,545.00.

20. Under controlling law, Koch Foods is liable to GE Capital for interest at the

applicable rate on the value of the Equipment as of the date of its conversion.

21. Under controlling law, Koch Foods is liable to GE Capital for punitive

damages.

WHEREFORE, GE Capital prays this Court to enter judgment in its favor and against

Koch Foods in an amount equal to the value of the Equipment at the time of its conversion, plus

interest at the applicable rate from the date of its conversion, plus punitive damages, said

amounts to be proven at trial in this matter, together with any and all other and additional

amounts to which justice and equity entitle GE Capital. GE Capital demands a trial by jury in

this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served upon counsel of record addressed as follows:

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by placing same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, on this the 13th day of June, 2007.



Exhibit F

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

KOCH FOODS OF ALABAMA, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company,)
Plaintiff and Counter- Defendant,))))
vs.	2:07 CV 522-MHT
GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,	
Defendant, and Counter-Plaintiff.))

GE CAPITAL'S REPLY IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AS TO ALL CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS

General Electric Capital Corporation ("GE Capital"), through its undersigned counsel, in further support of GE Capital's Motion for Summary Judgment as to all Claims and Counterclaims ("GE Capital's Summary Judgment Motion") (Doc. Nos. 44 and 45), and in further opposition to Koch Food's Motion for Summary Judgment With Respect to GECC's Counterclaim for Conversion ("Koch's Summary Judgment Motion") (Doc. No. 46), hereby states as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

Koch Foods' Brief and Evidentiary Materials in Opposition to GECC's Motion for Summary Judgment (the "Opposition") (Doc. No. 67) is noteworthy, above all, for its recitation of many, many facts. Reciting facts, however, does not make them material to the issue presented for decision, nor does presenting "facts" not in the record allow the Court to consider

All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in General Electric Capital Corporation's Response to Koch Foods of Alabama LLC's Motion for Summary Judgment ("GE Capital's Response") (Doc. No. 68).

the same. Below, GE Capital points out that neither Koch's multitude of facts, nor the law it presents, should deter this Court from granting summary judgment in GE Capital's favor.

II. ARGUMENT

Almost None of the Facts Recited by Koch in the Opposition are Material. 1.

In its Opposition, Koch recites a great number of new "undisputed facts." Almost none of the facts recited by Koch, however, are material. GE Capital's case for liability is simple:

- Koch knew that GE Capital owned the Deboning Equipment and the A. Spiral Freezer when Koch bought the Facility.
- Koch asserted an unlawful ownership interest in the Deboning Equipment B. and the Spiral Freezer from the day Koch bought the Facility, and continues to do so today.
- C. Koch used the Deboning Equipment from the day it bought the Facility until the time, approximately ten months later, that replacement equipment arrived.
- The Deboning Equipment is now in Koch's parking lot, having been put D. there by Koch without GE Capital's knowledge. The Spiral Freezer is still in the Facility.
- E. Koch has paid GE Capital nothing for its use of any of the equipment.
- Koch made an offer to return this equipment for the first time on F. February 14, 2007, and, at that time, conditioned return of the Deboning Equipment and the Spiral Freezer on GE Capital giving Koch a general release.
- Koch's first arguably unconditional offer to return the equipment was G. made contemporaneously with the arrival of replacement equipment and Koch's moving the Deboning Equipment to the parking lot.

Koch offers no material evidence to challenge any of the above. Rather, Koch says that Sylvest had a record year in 2005 and purchased the poultry processing operation from ConAgra, except that ConAgra sold the real estate to Hodges Bonded Warehouse which then leased it back to Sylvest. Koch also tells us Sylvest's written agreement with GE Capital that the equipment would remain personal property and not become fixtures is not really an agreement because it was just "boilerplate." Koch cites no law to exclude "boilerplate" from a written contract. Koch goes on to point out that GE Capital did not treat the equipment as fixtures by making a "fixture filing" or getting a "landlord's waiver" showing, we can only suppose, that GE Capital thought all along that the boilerplate was a part of the written contract, and that the equipment was not fixtures. Since these sort of facts so plainly have nothing to do with the issues presented for decision (Opposition, ¶¶ 1, 2, 8, and 14), this Court could safely conclude that it is being distracted.

Almost everything else in Koch's lengthy factual recitation is equally immaterial to the issue of conversion to be decided, with the exception of a few facts that are just plain To wit, Koch states that it continuously demanded that misstatements or inadmissible. GE Capital remove the Deboning Equipment and the Spiral Freezer, "subject only to the condition that GECC would reimburse Koch for any damages caused by the removal of the Equipment." Opposition, ¶ 23. This is just plain wrong. Koch's first "demand" came eight months after it began using the Deboning Equipment and was not unconditional - Koch demanded a general release from GE Capital. See Email from E. Geekie to A. Terras, February 14, 2007, a copy of which is attached to GE Capital's Brief and Evidentiary Submission in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment as to all Claims and Counterclaims ("GE Capital's Memorandum") (Doc. No. 45) as Exhibit T. Koch's second demand came when Koch was finished with the Deboning Equipment, had installed replacement equipment, and placed the Deboning Equipment in the parking lot. See Email from E. Geekie to A. Terras, April 18, 2007, a copy of which is attached to the GE Capital's Memorandum (Doc. No. 45) as Exhibit U. On

Going on about the "boilerplate" question, Koch tells the Court that the "representatives of GECC and Sylvest never discussed or negotiated any substance contained in this provision during their negotiation of the Equipment Lease." Opposition, ¶ 8. Since there is no statute or precedent in Alabama, or any jurisdiction, that even suggests that a provision in a written contract someone deems to be "boilerplate" is not enforceable in a commercial contract, the point of Koch's considerable factual recitations on the subject is mysterious. This is just one of many efforts to misdirect, overstate and generalize in the Opposition, which are not deserving or susceptible of individual objection.

another apparently critical point, whether GE Capital consented to Koch's use of the Deboning Equipment, the Opposition is liberally sprinkled with oblique references to GE Capital's consent, which belies the fact that there is not one scrap of evidence in the record that GE Capital in fact consented to Koch's use.

After cutting through that which is not material, the undisputed and material facts demonstrate that Koch needed the Deboning Equipment to run its processing plant, did not want to pay for it, asserted without legal basis that it owned it, and then used it until its own business convenience was served by the installation of replacement equipment. Only at this point did Koch become willing to abandon its claims of ownership and cease to care what happened to the remnants in the parking lot.

2. Koch's Denials That It Asserted Ownership Ring Hollow.

Koch states that it "never claimed any ownership of the Deboner before this lawsuit was filed." *Opposition,* p. 13. This is a truly remarkable statement for two reasons:

- First, Koch's Chief Financial Officer's testimony is exactly the opposite. See, e.g., GE Capital's Response, ¶ 4.
- Second, were Koch correct, then the equipment, apparently, became fixtures not when Koch bought the Facility, but when it filed this lawsuit, a legal position that would appear frivolous.

Koch goes on to say that its assertions of ownership did not constitute conversion because it "in no way injure[d]" GE Capital. Koch cites no Alabama case to support this qualification, but instead cites two cases that involve assertions of ownership made by a defendant who never deprived the true owner of possession and a plaintiff who had sold the goods allegedly converted on credit under a written contract and did not get paid. See Union State Bank v. Woell, 434 N.W.2d 712 (N.D. 1989) (summary judgment entered in favor of creditor on debtor's claim of conversion because disputed funds were under control of the court); Desbien v. Penokee Farmers Union Coop. Assoc., 220 Kan. 358, 552 P.2d 917 (1976) (no conversion occurred where owner

of property maintained possession of the property consistently, and defendant did not interfere with control of the owner). Both of these cases are a far cry indeed from processing twenty-nine million chickens and then removing the property to the parking lot as soon as your business convenience dictates you no longer need it.

Koch suggests, perhaps, that the law of Alabama should be that no conversion occurs until the defendant "seriously interferes" with the true owner's rights, or that "a temporary use which does not damage the chattel or inconvenience the owner and is not intended as a defiance of the owner's rights may not be enough for conversion." Opposition, p. 14. To support this proposition, Koch cites to the Restatement (Second) of Torts § 227. In doing so, however, Koch fails to note that § 227 of the Restatement also provides the following illustration of when a conversion claim – resulting from use – should lie:

- A owns a desk, which is his private property. On one occasion, without 1. A's consent. B uses the desk to write his wife. This is not a conversion of the desk.
- The same facts as in Illustration 1, except that B uses the desk daily for six 2. months. This is a conversion.
- The same facts as in Illustration 1, except that B uses the desk with the 3. assertion of a claim that it is his own. This is a conversion.
- 4. The same facts as in Illustration 1, except that, with or without negligence on the part of B, the desk is seriously damaged by its use. This is a conversion.

Restatement (Second) of Torts, § 227 (1965); see also Miller v. Uhl, 37 Ohio App. 276, 174 N.E. 591 (Ohio App. 1929) (defendant guilty of conversion as a matter of law after driving bus that came rightfully into his possession 2000 miles over a period of five weeks). In this case:

- the "temporary use" by Koch of the equipment was for ten months, 29,000,000 chickens, and just until Koch's business convenience was to remove the equipment. See GE Capital's Response, ¶ 2.
- Koch's asserted "willing[ness] to surrender the Deboner at any time" is a concoction, when the undisputed record shows that Koch's first expression of willingness to surrender the equipment came on February 14, 2007, and then only on the condition that Koch receive a general release.

More importantly, by the time conditions for return of the Deboning Equipment even became an issue, Koch's use had been substantial and continuous for ten months.

Koch further argues that GE Capital's conversion arguments are "nonsensical" because GE Capital "would inevitably have a conversion claim . . . no matter what Koch had done." *Opposition*, pp. 16-17. In reality, of course, Koch's alternative would have been obvious to any businessman – to tell GE Capital up front that it needed to use the equipment for ten months until new equipment arrived to continue production and then ask what the price for that might be. Instead, Koch cooked up an utterly specious claim of ownership based on the "fixture" theory, used the equipment as its own and as it pleased, and figured that a big institution of "renowned reputation" would just back down in the face of litigation, take the pieces out of the parking lot, and call it a day. Koch dissembles in its vehement characterization of itself as a hapless victim.

3. GE Capital's Evidence of Value as of the Date of the Conversion is Uncontested.

It is well-settled under Alabama law that the appropriate measure of damages with regard to a conversion claim is the value of the equipment at the time of the conversion. *See, e.g.*, *Charter Hosp. of Mobile v. Weinberg*, 558 So. 2d 909, 912 (Ala. 1990) (allowing damages in the amount of the value of the property at the time of conversion, or up until the time of trial, whichever is greater, plus 6% interest from the date of the conversion to the date of the trial). In the instant case, GE Capital's properly designated expert – Robert Breakstone – offers the only evidence of the value of the equipment at the time of the conversion.

Koch's designated expert, David Dalfonso, falls short by offering opinions only as to the value of the equipment as of October 2007 – about a year and a half after the date of the

conversion.³ The time for Mr. Dalfonso to offer new opinions has long since passed. See Uniform Scheduling Order, filed on July 17, 2007 (Doc. No. 14), Section 8.

Recognizing the deficiencies in its evidence. Koch tries to circumvent this shortcoming by offering the testimony of its own Senior Vice President, Wayne Jones. In its Opposition, Koch alleges that the testimony of Mr. Jones was that, "the Deboner's value was about 25 to 35 cents on the dollar of the capital cost of the Deboner. This means that the value of the Deboner in early 2006 was between approximately \$202,000 and \$283,735, based on the original capitalized cost of \$810,672.50." Opposition, ¶ 28, p. 10 (internal citations omitted).

This is a misrepresentation of Mr. Jones's testimony. In reality, Mr. Jones testified that he had no knowledge of the value of the equipment at the time of the conversion:

O: Do you, yourself, have any knowledge with respect to the value of the deboner equipment at the time that Koch Foods assumed ownership of the facility in 2006?

A: No.

Jones Dep. Transcript, 37:21-38:2, a copy of which is attached to the Opposition (Doc. No. 67) as Exhibit 22. Mr. Jones's opinion of the value of the equipment, as included in the Opposition, relates to the value of the equipment as of the date of his deposition, November 28, 2007:

O: Do you have any knowledge of its value today?

A: Not from a professional.

O: Some other way though?

A: Just an opinion.

Opposition, ¶ 27.

Koch is unable to manufacture any evidence to rebut Mr. Breakstone's established appraisal value. In its original Opposition. Koch misstated the evidence provided by Mr. Dalfonso, stating that he provided an appraisal of the equipment "In Place as of Day 1 Year 1" which was less than that established by Mr. Breakstone. Opposition, ¶ 27. Upon demand and request by counsel for GE Capital, Koch withdrew this misstatement, filing the Amendment to Koch Food's Brief and Evidentiary Materials in Opposition to GECC's Motion for Summary Judgment, in which Koch now concedes that Mr. Dalfonso's appraisals are effective as of October 2007 - roughly eighteen months after the conversion occurred.

O: What would that be?

A: 25 to 35 cents on the dollar.

O: The dollar being what, the capital cost?

A: The dollar of the purchase price.

Jones Dep. Transcript (Doc. No. 67, Ex. 22), 38:3-10 (emphasis added). Mr. Jones went on to acknowledge that use of the equipment caused it to lose value. See Jones Dep. Transcript (Doc. No. 67, Ex. 22), 38:13-15. The last may not be pertinent as to the value of the equipment as of the date it was converted, but certainly is pertinent to Koch's assertion that it was doing GE Capital a favor by using the equipment. See, e.g., Opposition, ¶ 19. Consequently, in contrast to Koch's assertions in its Opposition, Mr. Jones testified that, as of November 28, 2007, at a time when the Deboning Equipment was sitting in Koch's parking lot and after Koch had devalued the Deboning Equipment by using the same for approximately ten months, the Deboning Equipment was worth between \$202,000 and \$283,735.4

Similarly, the Expert Report of David Dalfonso of Rosen Systems, Inc. for Schiff Hardin LLP in the Matter of Koch Foods of Alabama, LLC v. General Electric Capital Corporation (the "Dalfonso Expert Report") provides that the Fair Market Value In Place for the appraised equipment was effective as of the date of his inspection, October 19, 2007. Dalfonso Expert Report, p. 2, a copy of which is attached to the GE Capital's Memorandum (Doc. No. 45) as Exhibit R.

With respect to the Dalfonso testimony, in a letter to Koch's counsel on October 30, 2007, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit W, Mr. Dalfonso acknowledges that:

The testimony of Michael Leonard cited by Koch is also misleading. Koch notes that Mr. Leonard originally paid \$25,000 for the Spiral Freezer when he purchased the Spiral Freezer before selling it to Sylvest. Opposition, ¶ 29. It does not, however, state that Mr. Leonard then sold the Spiral Freezer to Sylvest, including delivery and installation, to Sylvest for \$430,000. Leonard Dep. Transcript, 9:18-21, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit X.

The Fair Market Value In Place values assume the equipment will continue to be used at its current location. It adds value for transportation and installation. The fact that the deboning line has been dismantled limits its additional value under this concept.

See Letter to M. Xu from D. Dalfonso (Ex. W), October 30, 2007, paragraph 4. For these reasons, Koch has failed to offer any testimony regarding the value of the equipment at the time of the conversion. The actual testimony of both Mr. Jones and Mr. Dalfonso relates to the value of the equipment in late 2007, after the Deboning Equipment had been removed from the Facility, after Koch's extensive use of the Deboning Equipment, and after the exposure of the same to the elements for six months. It is unsurprising, therefore, that variations between the testimony of Mr. Breakstone and Mssrs. Dalfonso and Jones exist, but this simply buttresses the fact that the testimony of the latter is not probative of value on the date of conversion, leaving Mr. Breakstone's testimony unrebutted.⁵

4. The Spiral Freezer and the Deboning Equipment are Not Fixtures.

Koch declares that GE Capital "was neither the tenant nor the landlord of the Facility though, and thus cannot rely on the trade-fixture exception." Opposition, p. 22. This is patently false and made up of whole cloth. In Moco Inc. v. Gaines, Moco, Inc. sought return of gas pumps and tanks it had installed at a mini mart and paid for. Moco Inc. v. Gaines, Moco, Inc.,

⁵ In addition, even if Mr. Jones's testimony related to the appropriate time frame, that opinion testimony should be stricken from Koch's Response based on Koch's failure to comply with Section 8 of the Uniform Scheduling Order (Doc. No. 14), which provides the procedural requirements applicable to expert or opinion testimony in the current proceeding. In the Opposition, Koch repeatedly asserts that Mr. Jones conducted a "valuation" of the equipment. See Opposition, p. 17 ("based on the proximity of the valuations conducted by . . . Wayne Jones."), pp. 18-19 (noting that the "valuation" of Wayne Jones "using the Fair Market Value-Remove approach" is \$202,000), p. 19 ("Mr. Jones's testimony that [the Deboning Equipment] was worth 25 to 35 cents on the dollar with the dollar referring to the purchase price"). However, the sole disclosure made by Koch to GE Capital regarding Mr. Jones was in Koch Food's Initial Disclosures Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1), and stated that Mr. Jones has or may have "information relating to the installation, the use, and the operation of the equipment at issue." See Koch's Initial Disclosures, p. 2, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit Y. By failing to disclose Mr. Jones as an expert, Koch is barred from attempting to use his testimony as expert testimony.

support Koch's position, Koch cites none.

484 So. 2d 470, 474 (Ala. Civ. App. 1985). The court found in favor of *Moco*, and against the successors in interest to the original tenant and the original landlord, and extended the "trade fixture doctrine" to "licensees, tenants, or tenants-at-will." *Id.* Here, Koch is a successor to either the landlord or the tenant of the Facility with full knowledge of GE Capital's ownership of the equipment. The Spiral Freezer and the Deboning Equipment are unquestionably trade fixtures, and Koch's standing argument simply finds no basis in law. There being no law to

This aside, GE Capital's conversion claim is not premised solely on the characterization of the Deboning Equipment and the Spiral Freezer as trade fixtures. Under Alabama law, it is well settled that:

A lessor of chattels, intended by both the lessor and lessee for annexation to the freehold, but with an agreement for return of the chattels to the lessor at the termination of the lease agreement, the chattels being annexed to the freehold, as was contemplated, can assert and maintain his title against a subsequent bona fide purchaser of the freehold, upon a present consideration, without notice of the right and title of the lessor.

Mobile Cab and Baggage Co. Inc. v. The Texas Co., 261 Ala. 242, 74 So. 2d 498 (1954). In this way, despite Koch's unsupported claims to the contrary, GE Capital owned the Spiral Freezer and the Deboning Equipment prior to the sale of the Facility to Koch, and owned the Spiral Freezer and the Deboning Equipment after the sale of the Facility to Koch. Koch's claims of ownership are unsupportable under any applicable law.

Finally, Koch's catch-all argument is that "the facts clearly demonstrate that both Sylvest and GECC intended and knew that the Equipment would and did become fixtures." *Opposition*, p. 26. In support, Koch advances: (a) a written contract between Sylvest and GE Capital which provided exactly the opposite; (b) the fact that GE Capital concluded that the equipment was not fixtures, and did not make a fixture filing; and (c) another contract, the Facility Lease, to which

GE Capital was not a party.⁶ On these points, as on all the others, this Court must determine whether any finder of fact could rationally conclude that the mouse in the courtroom is, in fact, an elephant.

5. GE Capital's Conversion Claim Extends to the Spiral Freezer.

Finally, Koch argues that, despite its Chief Financial Officer's testimony that Koch has asserted ownership of the Spiral Freezer since May 2006, GE Capital's conversion claim should be confined to the Deboning Equipment because the Spiral Freezer is not referenced in GE Capital's Counterclaim. This argument ignores the well-established rule in federal court that the pleadings shall be deemed to conform to the proofs. *See FED. R. Civ. P.* 15(b).

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, in GE Capital's Summary Judgment Motion, GE Capital's Memorandum, and GE Capital's Response, the Court should grant summary judgment in GE Capital's favor. The only disputed facts that Koch has been able to allege are those that have no impact on the outcome of the proceeding. As such, summary judgment is appropriate. *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986) ("Only disputes over facts that might affect the outcome of the suit under the governing law will properly preclude the entry of summary judgment. Factual disputes that are irrelevant or unnecessary will not be counted.").

On the point of the Facility Lease to which GE Capital was not a party, Koch also ignores established Alabama law which provides that "[a] tenant can remove trade fixtures at the end of a lease term even when the lease states that improvements and fixtures are not to be removed." LaFarge Building Materials, Inc. v. Stribling, 880 So. 2d 415, 419 (2003) (provisions of a lease which indicate that fixtures can not be removed do not apply to trade fixtures) (emphasis in original).

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